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It's final cuppa after six decades

A CAFE that has stood in Wolverhampton city centre for more than 65 years is closing this weekend before being turned into a Spar shop.

Express Cafe in Queen Street will shut on Saturday and is expected to re-open under its new guise in the summer.

The venture, owned by Goldthorn Park couple Jas Singh and Suki Kaur, is one of a number of businesses which traders say has suffered while work takes place to create Wolverhampton's £22.5 million new bus station.

Mr Singh said his takings had fallen by up to 80 per cent since work began to redevelop the Pipers Row terminus last April.

He has already had to let four staff go before Christmas, and four more jobs will be lost on Saturday, including his and his wife's. But Mr Singh, aged 40, and Mrs Kaur will be taken on as Spar managers and they are hoping to re-employ a couple of former employees. Eighteen full and part-time jobs will be created by Spar.

Massive

Mr Singh said: "It is sad to see a business that has been going for such a long time closing. I went to Wolverhampton archives and it went back to 1955.

"But some of my older customers have told me it goes back to the late 40s and even the Second World War.

"People going to work would have a breakfast or a cup of tea but as soon as that bus station shut in April it has had a massive effect and people have been going everywhere else."

Loyal customer John Jones, who has been using the cafe for 20 years, said he would be very sad to see it go.

Workmen are due to move in next week to begin converting the building into a convenience store. Two bedrooms in the Wulfrun Hotel, which is based above the cafe, will be lost to make way for the store.

Sportingbet on a winner

WOLVES sponsor Sportingbet, the online bookmaker, has revealed an 11 per cent surge in betting in the last six months.

A strong performance in Australia and the emerging markets had more than offset some weakness in Spain and Greece.

Concerns over family in Egypt

Alex Abdelaal

AN EGYPTIAN restaurant owner in Wolverhampton has expressed his concern at the current situation in his homeland.

While millions of his compatriots protest against the regime of President Hosni Mubarak, Alex Abdelaal has been attempting to stay in touch with his family, who he said were thankfully safe and sound.

Mr Abdelaal, who runs Alex's Restaurant Cafe Bar on Bridgnorth Road, Compton, was a political activist himself in Egypt in the 1970s before moving to England in 1983.

He said trying to remain in contact with relatives was proving difficult.

"The lines have been down so I haven't spoken to them much but we're getting bits of news through and everyone is okay," Mr Abdelaal said.

Enough

"They've been out on the streets protesting along with so many others."

Millions of people have been involved in protests in more than a week of demonstrations which have left around 300 people dead, according to the latest UN estimates.

Mr Abdelaal said he hoped the situation would resolve itself soon.

"People are saying enough is enough," he added. We're looking for President Mubarak to step down and I think if he does everything will change in the Middle East – it'll be a domino effect.

"From one point I'm extremely happy to see the revolution as we've been waiting for such a long time, but to see that so many people have died is terrible."

Mr Abdelaal has run his Eastern-themed restaurant for the past three years and has lived in Wolverhampton since 1996.

NEW•HOPE•FOR SHOPS IN CITY

BIG-name developers have come forward to fill the void left after Wolverhampton's £300 million shopping dream collapsed.

A number of "well-known names" have expressed an interest in investing in the city since the Summer Row scheme was declared doomed.

Council leader Roger Lawrence said Debenhams and Marks & Spencer had both also confirmed an interest in being part of any new development.

All options, including a shopping centre similar to the failed 600,000 sq ft vision for Snow Hill, remain on the table.

Interested

Councillor Lawrence said: "We have been contacted by developers who knew what was likely to happen with Summer Row and are clearly interested.

"These are well-known names with money to invest.

"There are other people out there who we need to go out and do some work with as well. I would want to hold a major event to discuss plans with developers."

Councillor Lawrence said the authority was also looking at other sites it already owns on which shops could be built.

"The council owns considerably more land on the west of the city centre," he said. "It was problems with land ownership which slowed down Summer Row so that is one of the options open to us."

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He declined to reveal details of the potential sites. It also emerged that a new senior official charged with realising the council's aspirations for the city centre could start next week.

They will then be charged with arranging a meeting with developers. Previous director for regeneration and enterprise Steve Boyes failed to keep his job in a management shake-up.

Tory councillor Paddy Bradley questioned whether the land and properties around Summer Row should have been purchased by the council.

"We should have bought all that land up by now," she said.

"The Labour group obviously feel it would have been too much of a risk but I think it would have minimised the risk."

Councillor Bradley, of the Penn ward, said the city had missed the boat when it didn't push through Summer Row before the recession hit.

"Yes we should already have Summer Row but that's in the past and it's time to look forward and attract developers.

"There's a lot of hard work ahead."

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Bridget stars in gypsy wedding

Bridget's massive dress is arranged by bridesmaids

THE dress was suitably extravagant, the fairytale castle of a cake colossal and there was even an array of pink-clad bridesmaids.

Millions of television viewers watched Wolverhampton's very own gypsy wedding on Channel 4's latest cult show on Tuesday night.

Big Fat Gypsy Weddings has become one of the channel's surprise hits, pulling in a peak of 8.2 million viewers each week keen to get a glimpse into the usually secretive world of the travelling community.

Spotlight

And in the third instalment of the series, it was the turn of Wolverhampton teenager Bridget to have the spotlight on the special day she has spent her entire life working towards.

As is tradition in gypsy ceremonies, the bigger the dress the better the bride. And the 18-year-old did not disappoint with her ostentatious white, sparkling creation that put glamour model Jordan's extravagant fashions to shame.

But also jostling for attention was the huge wedding cake that took two people and a Transit van to transport it 100 miles up the motorway from North Wales to the wedding venue, the Connaught Hotel in Tettenhall Road.

Teenage sex fiend jailed for 14 years

A TEENAGE sex fiend who raped and throttled prostitutes in revenge for "ruining" his area was this week beginning a 14-year jail sentence.

Grant Drury told police the girls were "dirty" and "stupid" and a blight on the All Saints area of Wolverhampton, traditionally known as a red light district.

Drury, who was just 17 when he attacked some of the women, would take victims to secluded spots before putting his hands around their throats and demanding sex.

Police believe there could be more victims and launched an appeal for any other victims of the 19-year-old to come forward.

Mr Darron Whitehead, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court: "He systematically assaulted and raped working girls in the All Saints area. His offending was fuelled with hatred towards such girls working the streets where he grew up.

Terrifying

"Some were lucky enough to escape, others were subjected to terrifying assaults."

Jobless Drury, of Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, was caught after he tried to rape a prostitute and she stabbed him with scissors she carried for self defence. Drury, who has convictions for robbery, wastraced using DNA found in the blood on the scissors.

He was found guilty of three rapes, an attempted rape, and four offences carried out with intent to commit sex offences. All happened between April and August last year.

Judge John Warner told Drury yesterday: "You are a dangerous young man and you are a significant risk of future serious harm to the public, and women in particular."

New chief at city university

THE University of Wolverhampton has announced the appointment of a new vice-chancellor.

Professor Geoff Layer OBE will take over from Professor Caroline Gipps when she leaves the role in the summer.

He leaves the position of deputy vice-chancellor of the University of Bradford. The 55-year-old said it was a "privilege" to be offered the role.

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Cricketer and teacher jailed over cocaine smuggling

Dane Taylor

A FORMER semi-professional cricketer and a teacher from Wolverhampton have been jailed for smuggling cocaine disguised as a hair product from Jamaica.

The drug was hidden in a tube disguised as a beauty product called Top Brass when it was sent from the Caribbean to the UK.

Customs officials intercepted the package in August last year and replaced the cocaine with a harmless powder before sending it on to its way. It arrived in Deeside, North Wales, where former teacher Dane Taylor and former cricketer Calver Wright, both from Wolverhampton, were arrested when they arrived to pick it up

Taylor, aged 49, of Grosvenor Road, Bushbury, was said to be the direct link with Jamaica and was jailed last Friday for four-and-a-half years. Semi-professional cricketer Wright, aged 34, of Legge Street, Parkfields, played for Penn in the mid-2000s, was given three-and-a-half years.

Taylor's contact on Deeside, a single mother who was said to have recruited and paid others to receive the parcels, was jailed for a year.

Recovery

Seven people were sentenced after pleading guilty to two charges of importation of cocaine between August 2008 and August last year.

Judge Niclas Parry, at Mold Crown Court, told the gang: "This was carefully thought out, well planned, designed to make detection as difficult as possible, so that cocaine could be brought into the UK for distribution in the West Midlands." Judge Parry said Taylor led the gang and Wright was his right-hand man.

Miss Caroline Atherton, defending Taylor, said he had taught science and PE for 10 years in Jamaica and came to the UK in 1995 to seek a better life. He turned to crime when the family's land had come under threat in Jamaica and he was unable to send money needed for legal proceedings for its recovery.

Mr Simon Mintz, for Wright, said he accepted he would be deported automatically.

Calver Wright

MPs in alert as council's homes fall into disrepair

A SHORTFALL of £100 million in the amount available to bring council houses in Wolverhampton up to 21st century standards will leave thousands of homes in disrepair, city MPs have warned the Government.

Around a third of the city's 23,500 council homes do not meet basic standards and need kitchens, bathrooms and heating upgraded. But the project by Wolverhampton Homes, is £100m short of the £412m needed.

The city council is considering taking out a £25m loan to keep housing repairs on track and has announced a rent increase of almost seven per cent as it struggles to balance its books after the cuts.

Appreciate

Labour's Pat McFadden and Tory Paul Uppal urged a rethink during a Westminster debate. Wolverhampton South East MP Mr McFadden said of the cuts: "What kind of economic or social sense can that make, halfway through a programme in a city with one of the highest unemployment rates in the country?"

Mr Uppal, Wolverhampton South West MP, warned that scores of apprenticeships were also at risk.

"We appreciate that is not specific to Wolverhampton; the whole country is facing a financial problem."

Cut back taxi licence roll, cabbies urge

Taxi drivers in Wolverhampton have called for a ban on any new cab licences to help them stay in business – and have been asked to fund a £15,000 report to look into whether it should happen.

City council bosses said they were going to add more ranks at Wolverhampton and Bilston at night. Two spaces will be located outside the Civic Hall in Wolverhampton, with a further 24-hour rank in Bilston town centre.

Cabbies said the city was already flooded with black cabs and appealed to the council to not grant any more licences for 12 months.

Collapse

The appeal was made by the Wolverhampton Hackney Carriage Drivers Association following the collapse last month of the £300 million Summer Row shopping centre scheme.

Drivers said that the shopping centre was intended to boost visitors to Wolverhampton and claimed that there were now too many cabbies for dwindling trade.

Council bosses said a survey would need to be done to prove this was the case and that the drivers would have to foot the £15,000 cost. The number of spaces available has been limited because of work on the city's new £22.5 million bus station.

Prince's Trust youths praised

EIGHT disadvantaged youngsters have been honoured in Wolverhampton for taking part in the Prince's Trust awards scheme.

The 12-week course saw youngsters organise car washes, pack shoppers' bags and spruce up a garden at James Beattie House – a day care centre and very sheltered housing scheme in Foley Avenue, Tettenhall.

The youngsters braved sub-zero temperatures to cut back hedges, paint garden furniture and plant flowers so that the garden could be enjoyed by residents and visitors. They also spent a day serving meals to the homeless at a soup kitchen.

Police and the vice principal of City of Wolverhampton College, which helps run the scheme, marked the group's achievements at Bantock House last Friday, January 28.

Dc Paul Rose, who led the team, said: "Over the space of 12-weeks, every member of this group has gone through their own journey. They started the process as eight individuals, but they have finished as part of a team."

City patients log on for GP appointments

DOZENS of patients in Wolverhampton have signed up to book their GP appointments online following the launch of a new system.

A trial is now under way at four surgeries aimed at making it easier for people to see their doctor and reducing the number of wasted appointments. Wolverhampton Primary Care Trust said 50 patients had now registered online since the trial was launched last month and take-up was increasing.

Once patients have registered to use the system, they can book appointments and order repeat prescriptions.

Practices are still in the pilot stage of the project and gauging the response from patients to determine how many appointments are made available online.

PCT spokeswoman Jo Nicholls said: "The response from the practices involved in the pilot has been positive and are fully supportive of the system and the flexibility it offers their patients."

Cancel

Project manager Mike Hastings said: "The online booking scheme gives patients another way of booking an appointment at their GP practice and also enables them to change or cancel their appointment.

"This will reduce the number of wasted appointments and also free up time for receptionists."

Participating practices are Penn Fields Medical Centre, Dr Morgans and partners at Prestwood Road and Bushbury Health Centre, and Dr M Kainth, Primrose Lane Health Centre, Bushbury.

Revellers threw an ale glass

TWO revellers who hurled a pint glass at a man and punched another to the ground in Wolverhampton were given suspended prison sentences.

Kashmir Bajra was left unconscious with a broken nose, bruising and cuts. He was attacked outside the Oxley Moor Hotel after he and two friends refused to give Jamie Anderson and Daniel Turner a cigarette, Wolverhampton Crown was told.

Anderson, aged 29, of St Anne's Road, Fordhouses, threw the glass at Mr Bajra's friend, Surinder Rao, and it smashed on impact.

Turner, 29, of Westland Road, Compton, punched Mr Bajra in the back of the head, Mr Thomas Scho-field, prosecuting, told last Friday's hearing.

Both men admitted to affray and were each given a 12-month suspended sentence.

They must also carry out unpaid work, were put on curfew and must pay £100 compensation and £945 costs each.

Reunion plea to former pupils

STUDENTS who attended Wolverhampton Technical High School between 1946 and 1964 are invited to a reunion at Oxley Park Golf Club, Stafford Road, on March 4. Anybody interested in attending is asked to call 01902 845034 or 01902 661682 before February 28.

Biggins a welcome guest, oh yes he is

Christopher Biggins at the Britannia Hotel with Anne Warren, Rita Rudge and Rosemary Arnold

PANTO star Christopher Biggins delighted pensioners when he dropped in to say hello during a lunch party in Wolverhampton.

He was responding to an invitation from 90-year-old Mary Boddy, organiser of the event, who met him at a Help For Heroes awards at Molineux.

Mrs Boddy, who lives in Finchfield, organises monthly get-togethers at the Britannia Hotel for former Beatties department store workers.The great-grandmother was a big hit with the actor, who has been appearing as Widow Twankey in Aladdin at the Grand Theatre.

Biggins said: "She is a lovely lady, full of fun, and I was delighted to accept her invitation to meet the group. They are a lively bunch and I had a good time chatting."

Ventriloquist

And the feeling was mutual. Mrs Boddy, a caterer at Beatties for 34 years, said: "Biggins is a little darling.

"Although he couldn't tay for as long as he wanted, he made sure to go round to every table and say hello. He was very kind. I've seen him in the panto and he was fantastic in that as well."

The guest appearance was one of the star's last in Wolverhampton as the panto finished its seven-week run on Sunday. Takings were up 13 per cent on last year's Cinderella at £1.1 million, and theatre bosses have attributed its success to the "Biggins factor".

Christopher Biggins and Mary Boddy, right, with Hetty Goode, aged 78, of Willenhall

Apprentices project hailed

TWO Wolverhampton businesses have benefited from employing apprentices through a city college.

Nicholas Davis, who owns a hair and beauty salon in Pendeford, has been employing apprentices for 30 years through City of Wolverhampton College.

Mr Davis wanted to refurbish his salon and after approaching the college for shop fitter recommendations, he was referred to Wednesfield-based Entire Shopfitting, which supports apprenticeships.

Owner John Gaunt started work on the salon refit in January, with his son Christopher, a carpentry apprentice at the college.

The newly-fitted salon opened in mid-January and Mr Davis said he was delighted, adding: "The apprenticeship scheme has been very successful with us and we have a very good link with the college."

Wedding murder trial abandoned

THE trial of a man accused of murdering a Wolverhampton wedding guest by stabbing him has been halted.

Ricky Shaw, aged 22, of no fixed address, denied the murder of Tom Berry, the attempted murder of two other men and assaulting his half brother Adam Shaw in Lichfield Street, Bilston, on July 10 last year.

Judge John Warner discharged jurors at Wolverhampton Crown Court last Friday for legal reasons, and a new trial begins next Monday.

Criminal cash to cut PE kit costs

CASH seized from criminals is to be used to help parents pay for PE kits at a Wolverhampton school that was almost completely destroyed in an arson attack.

Officers from Bilston applied to West Midlands Police chiefs for money, which has been raised through the sale of items seized from criminals, to help Wilkinson Primary School.

Now £1,000 has been handed over to staff, who will use the money to offer sports kits for its 341 pupils at £5 instead of £8. The school was badly damaged during a blaze, which 15 fire crews tackled last October.

Pupils continued their lessons at the site of nearby St Martin's Church after the attack before moving back into temporary buildings at the school site on Walter Road just before Christmas.

The council is now in discussions with the school's insurers about rebuilding it.

Chilly

Headteacher Tina Gibbon said today: "We're very pleased to have been awarded the money.

"It's a really nice gesture and has come at just at the right time because, although it's a bit chilly at the moment, after half-term the weather should be better and the children can start doing PE in the correct uniform again.

"We've already had lots of orders. Some parents have paid the full amount and insisted we put the rest towards school funds."

"It has been a difficult time but we have been trying to stay upbeat and hopeful for the sake of the children.

"The old site is all boarded up now and we have been taking the children round in small groups so they can remember where they used to sit and tell us where they want the new things to go."

Ch Insp Jo Chilton, who oversees neighbourhood policing in the city, said: " I hope it will act as a reminder to the school that the police and local community are behind them 100 per cent as they work to restore some degree of normality to the lives of the children and teachers affected by the fire.

"We are still appealing for information about how the fire started and would encourage anyone who saw anything suspicious on the night of the fire to report it."

Wolverhampton police can be contacted on 0345 113 5000.

Panto's 100,000

BIRMINGHAM Hippodrome has sold more than 100,000 tickets for this year's star-studded pantomime.

Dick Whittington, starring Hollywood actress Joan Collins, comedian Julian Clary and I'm a Celebrity's Nigel Havers, ended on Sunday after a six-week run.

The Hippodrome would not reveal box office takings or figures comparing sales with last year's Sleeping Beauty but spokeswoman Mandy Rose said: "We are pleased that pantomime is proving as popular as ever here."

Pamela Bailey

Popular club singer dies at 72

A POPULAR singer who was a weekly fixture at social clubs in the Black Country during the late 1960s and 70s has died aged 72.

Pamela Bailey, who was born in Featherstone, died at her home in Cyprus on Monday after a long illness.

Mrs Bailey, who grew up in Coseley, became a regular star on the local entertainment circuit with her husband's group, The Graham Burnell Show Band.

During her 10-year performing career with the 14-piece band, she supported such household names as Roy Castle, Larry Grayson and Anita Harris.

She also performed every week at factory social functions at places such as John Thompson engineer, in Wolverhampton, TI steel company in Oldbury and the Queen Mary Ball Room, also in Dudley, as well as Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

Mrs Bailey and her husband spent most of their married lives in Wombourne but moved to Cyprus 10 years ago. She is survived by her husband, aged 74, two sons, Kerry, aged 48, and Jonty, aged 42, and grandson, Frankie, aged 12.

Kerry, who manages a hair salon in Penn, said: "She was a very glamorous lady who just enjoyed life and the social scene of the clubs.

● Kerry has lost touch with most of the band but is keen to contact any former members. He can be contacted at kerryxkerry@gmail.com

Market traders' plea to keep free parking

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MARKET traders in Wolverhampton have called for an extension to free parking, which they say has helped bring in more customers.

Stallholders say they need help "more than ever" following the collapse of the £300 million Summer Row shopping centre plan.

Traders on the outdoor and indoor markets in School Street have been struggling for years, while surrounding shops closed during the last decade as developers tried to secure funding to enact compulsory purchase orders on around 200 properties.

Shoppers at the markets were offered free parking for one hour throughout January in a bid to boost trade.

But that has ended and there are no plans to bring it back.

Butcher Dud Malik, chairman of Wolverhampton Market Traders' Association, said: "We want to see the free parking continue. With Summer Row scrapped the least the council can do is carry that on.

"We've been waiting over a decade for this part of town to be regenerated and in that time there has been the row between Sainsbury's and Tesco over who gets to build on Raglan Street and there has been the Summer Row plan."

The 58-year-old father of four from Codsall added: "There has been the trial of a market in Dudley Street which made everyone think we were closing. But we are here to stay and now we need help from the council to encourage people to come.

Incentive

"The free parking was a good incentive and it helped us during January which is traditionally our quietest month."

Alistair Merrick, chief officer for commercial services, said: "There are no current plans to offer any further free parking as an incentive to attract more customers to the market.

"We monitor the numbers of people coming into the indoor market and there was no evidence of the free parking having increased footfall compared to the same period last year."

Traders have also called for the return of the free city centre bus, scrapped in 2009. It would cost the council £62,000-a-year to bring it back, with around the same amount being offered by transport authority Centro. The council is currently looking into what it can do to meet that request.

Salon fined on waste disposal

OWNERS of a Wolverhampton salon will have to pay out more than £1,000 after failing to comply with waste disposal rules.

Nickels Barbershop and Beauty Salon Ltd, on Dudley Road, Blakenhall, was prosecuted by Wolverhampton City Council.

The company was fined £700 and ordered to pay £611 costs by city magistrates.

House goal for new Wolves WAG

Danielle Lloyd and Jamie O'Hara arrive at Wolves following the signing

FORMER Miss England Danielle Lloyd brought a touch of glamour to Molineux as she accompanied her fiance and new Wolves signing Jamie O'Hara – before announcing the couple were house hunting in the area.

The 27-year-old WAG turned heads as she wrapped up warm in a fur-lined coat to watch O'Hara's new team lose 1-0 to Stoke on Sunday.

The couple watched the action from the director's box a few rows behind Wolves owner Steve Morgan.

Miss Lloyd announced O'Hara's move to Molineux on Twitter at the weekend before revealing the couple are searching for a house in the area.

The Liverpool-born beauty queen is now the highest profile Wolves WAG, having starred in Celebrity Come Dine With Me last year and Celebrity Big Brother in 2007 with Jade Goody. The couple have a six-month-old son, Archie.

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Stars tune up for charity

MIDLAND musicians are teaming up for a special acoustic concert at Bilston's Robin 2 to boost a Cannock-based charity for disabled children.

Up Close and Acoustic features star of the moment Scott Matthews, star of five decades Steve Gibbons, star blues guitarist Ian Parker, and folk and blues duo Lucy And The Rambler.

The show, on Thursday, February 17, is in aid of the Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children, which provides practical help for disabled and terminally-ill children and their families throughout the UK.

Launched in Cannock, the charity will celebrate its 20th birthday in March, and when Ian Parker's wife Axelle, who works for the charity, mentioned the anniversary to her husband he offered to play a fundraiser.

The idea snowballed and a line-up of musicians has been assembled. Quickly on board was Scott Matthews, Wolverhampton-born singer/songwriter who has toured with The Foo Fighters, Snow Patrol, Rufus Wainwright, Tori Amos and Robert Plant, among others.

Steve Gibbons, of Birmingham, is a rock and roll legend while Ian Parker's emotive and brilliant guitar playing and singing has seen him release four albums.

Completing the bill are Lucy And The Rambler from Kidderminster, alias Lucy May Gill and Danny J.Gauden, a couple tipped for stardom.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets are priced at £15.

Parents' petition on £25m campus

MORE parking spaces to ease problems caused by parents on the school run are being called for by people living close to a new £25 million learning campus in Wolverhampton.

The King's C of E School is being remodelled to share a site with Tettenhall Wood Special School.

It is part of the city's £270m Building Schools For The Future programme. Work is under way, but neighbours have filed a petition of more than 120 names to Wolverhampton City Council calling for the plans to include more parking.

They say private driveways and public footpaths are being blocked during the school run, leading to angry exchanges between neighbours and parents.

It is claimed problems are caused by traffic arriving at The King's School and neighbouring Woodthorne Primary School.

Outbursts

Residents fear the situation will get worse when the newly-refurbished school opens its large theatre.

Regis Road, Redhouse Road, The Meadway, Woodthorne Road and Yew Tree Lane are among roads said to be loaded up with school-run traffic each day. Now highways teams are drawing up plans for a pick-up and drop-off point to be incorporated.

They are planning a public meeting to showcase four possible solutions, but action is dependent on funding.

Retired Woodthorne Road resident Bob Ness, aged 76, said: "It has been a problem for many years and it has at times become ludicrous. There have been outbursts of abuse and arrests in the past. We thought the BSF programme was a good opportunity to make some changes because it's a major construction project but so far we've heard nothing."

Cannabis found in pub search

A TEENAGER was caught with cannabis when police searched pubs around Wolverhampton with a sniffer dog.

The 17-year-old was cautioned after the specially-trained animal sniffed him out during a search of the Staffordshire Volunteer, on Collingwood Road, Bushbury.

Officers visited five pubs in the Wednesfield and Bushbury areas on a Sunday night and plan to do more searches at other spots in the coming weeks.

Sgt Tracey Baker, from Wednesfield police station, said: "These are a combination of targeted and random patrols in response to community concerns and intelligence about drugs activity across the Wednesfield area.

"Using drugs dogs sends out a clear message to those who use licensed premises to carry out their drugs activity that it will not be tolerated."

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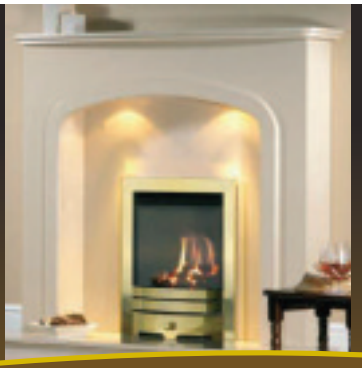

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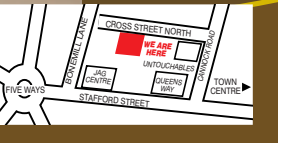

Teens in stolen BMW at 70mph

TWO Wolverhampton teenagers urged the driver of a powerful stolen car to go faster before it left the ground and flew head-on into another vehicle, injuring the two elderly occupants.

Police had chased the BMW7 Series at up to 70mph after discovering that realising it was stolen, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told last Friday.

Police abandoned the pursuit on January 7 amid safety concerns.

The BMW was travelling at around 70mph along Henwood Road when all four wheels left the ground and eventually ploughed into a Honda Civic. injuring driver Paul Ratcliffe and his wife Mary.

Knowing

Judge John Wait told 18-year-olds Benjamin Lawless and Gavin Warley they had encouraged the driver, whom they refused to name, to go faster.

Warley, of Fowler Avenue, Low Hill, and Lawless, of Dryden Road, The Scotlands, admitted allowing themselves to be carried in a car knowing it had been stolen. Lawless was sent to a young offenders institution for a year while Warley was sentenced to 15 months and they were both banned from driving for a year.

Sculptor in fine Health

A wooden sculpture was being presented to West Park Rehabilitation Hospital this week by Wolverhampton artist David Livesey.

The sculpture, Health, was due to be received by Gillian Gollins, who chairs the carer and experience group, and Alison Grieve, support services manager for rehabilitation.

Ms Grieves said: "We're delighted David has made another sculpture for the hospital in recognition of the work we do and I'm sure people will get much pleasure from seeing it."

No to challenge

PARISH councillors at Swindon, near Wolverhampton, have decided against entering this year's Best Kept Village contest, but may target 2012 instead.

Crime toll at police stations revealed

More than 3,000 crimes have been committed inside police stations and other force premises in the West Midlands, West Mercia and Staffordshire – including burglary, theft and fraud.

In the West Midlands, the largest of the three forces, a total of 2,971 offences were reported in police buildings which as well as police stations between April 2007 and September 2010.

They included 815 cases of criminal damage when people arrested damage the cells where they are being held. The latest figures also showed 1,244 cases of violent crimes, many of them are thought to be attacks on police staff by prisoners.

There were also nine sexual offences and 366 drug offences which could arise when substances are discovered on suspects when they arrive in custody.

Physically

Police chiefs said they were working to bring those who commit a crime within a police building to justice.

In the West Midlands 970 crimes were reported at police buildings across the area during 2007/2008. In 2008/2009 it was 847 while in 2009/2010 it was 702. So far this year numbers are at 452 including 30 crimes at police premises in Dudley, 33 in Sandwell, 54 in Walsall and 33 in Wolverhampton.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Anika Anderson said: "The majority of these recorded crime is violence against a person where a person within police premises – front desk or custody – has been abusive or violent to members of police staff.

"The other significant area of recorded crime is criminal damage, this includes damage to custody cells."

Warning on tax e-mail

A FRAUDULENT email is being sent to people in Wolverhampton claiming to be from HM Revenue and Customs, a city councillor has warned.

The email suggests people have overpaid their taxes and asks them to fill in an online form with bank details to get a refund.

But it then asks for their card numbers including the three digit verification number which allows retailers to claim payment.

The email has been sent to Blakenhall ward's Councillor John Rowley, who asked the council's trading standards department to check it.

He said: "It purports to be from HM Revenue and Customs, but its authenticity seems very dubious."

The email is an example of a common scam called "phishing" where fraudsters claim to be offering some form of financial rebate or award – but when bank or personal details are given they are used to take money rather than deposit it.

Hilton £15m hotel project left on shelf

A £15 MILLION Hilton hotel due to transform a rundown gateway to Wolverhampton city centre has been shelved.

The Fox Hotel, on the ring road at Penn Road island, was expected to be knocked down within weeks and replaced by a 133-room, seven-storey Hilton.

Hilton Worldwide, which had announced earlier that it wanted to build one of its discount Hampton by Hilton chain hotels on the landmark site, has now distanced itself from the project.

Spokeswoman Anna Schorr confirmed the project had been shelved and said she could not comment on whether the development would go ahead at all, adding: "Nothing has been signed at our end."

Planning permission to replace the 33-bedroom Fox Hotel was granted by Wolverhampton City Council in November 2010 and work on the project was expected to start this spring.

The Fox will now continue as a hotel until the future of the site is known.

Economic

Last Friday's announcement means more than £150,000 of Wolverhampton taxpayers' money, spent to stop the site's owners from selling it to anyone else while Hilton drew up its plans, has secured no return.

That deal, funded by now defunct Wolverhampton Development Company and the city council, expires this month when the land can be put back onto the open market.

Council leader Roger Lawrence blamed the current economic climate for the project stalling, adding he believed the hotel giant had not lost all interest in the city.

Wolverhampton's Fox Hotel, a city ring road landmark

Jail for rapist in attack on New Year reveller

A RAPIST from Wolverhampton has been jailed for two and a half years.

Pashminder Samra was waiting when the young woman got home after a night out on New Year's Day morning.

The 22-year-old student stopped the victim as she walked up to the house and persuaded her to go for a drive, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Samra, of Rosemary Crescent West, Goldthorn Park, took her to a lay-by on the A464 near Shifnal where she was raped on January 1, 2009. He apologised to her afterwards, the court heard last Thursday, January 27.

He later admitted taking the victim to the lay-by when banned from driving and analysis of his mobile revealed a pornographic video on it, the court heard.

Miss Sarah-Jayne Buckingham, defending, said: "He has done something terribly wrong for which he must be punished, but there is no way that he is a sexual predator."

Samra pleaded guilty to rape, driving while disqualified and possession of extreme pornography. He was also banned from driving for two years.

Magnet arson attacker hunt

A DEVASTATING fire that ravaged a Wolverhampton warehouse belonging to kitchens giant Magnet was caused by arsonists, West Midlands Police said.

The blaze at Magnet Trades in the early hours of last Thursday destroyed the majority of kitchens being stored at the depot in Shaw Road, Bushbury.

Jane Allsop and Maggie Smith launch Always There, a tribute to Monty Smith

Manor staff recall stalwart Monty's 25 years' service

THE life and times of a much-loved curator who worked at Wolverhampton's Wightwick Manor for more than two decades have been recalled in a new book.

Monty Smith, who died in November 2009, helped run the attraction until he was 74. He was awarded an MBE in 1995 for his work with the National Trust.

His former colleagues and members of Studio 61 drama group have honoured his memory in Always There, which is being sold for £10 a copy to raise money for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and Wightwick Manor's own Victorian kitchen garden project.

Mr Smith worked at Wightwick for 25 years and was also a dedicated member of Studio 61.

Collection

Drama group treasurer Martin Smith said: "It is a collection of people writing from the heart about this man who we all loved and cared for."

For a copy of Always There, call Martin Smith on 01902 651828.

Monty Smith, veteran curator

Diabetes advisers on hand at course

PEOPLE in Wolverhampton with long-term health problems can get information about managing their condition at a series of courses being launched this month.

Wolverhampton City Primary Care Trust is hosting six-week courses for people with conditions such as arthritis, high blood pressure, asthma, Parkinson's, diabetes, depression and multiple sclerosis.

Weekly sessions, lasting two-and-a-half hours, will cover topics such as managing pain, isolation, fatigue and depression, eating healthily and relaxation.

Quality

Three courses are being run, at Pendeford health Centre in Whitburn Close, Bradley health centre in Wallace Road, and the Seventh Day Adventist Church, in Warwick Street.

The classes at the church will begin on Tuesday, February 22.

The first sessions at Pendeford and Bradley were scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

The trust's Catherine McKean said: "The course gives people the confidence they need to help manage their health problems, while working with their GP and other health care professionals to improve their quality of life."

To book, call 01902 445627.

Help for grant applications

FREE workshops to help voluntary groups put together bids for grants are to be held in Wolverhampton next month.

The sessions are on March 2 and March 23 at 10am to 1pm at The Work Space, on All Saints Road, and details are available from 0121 683 8890.

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Veteran riding teacher dies, 77

A RIDING instructor from Wolverhampton who taught hundreds of young people in a career spanning 50 years has died aged 77.

Doreen Budd founded Oaken Lawn Riding School, near Codsall.

Mrs Budd, who was born in Wolverhampton, learned to ride during her teenage years in Prestatyn, Wales.

She continued to pursue her love of horses when she got a job caring for polo ponies in Sussex.

But it was when she and her husband Michael returned to Wolverhampton in the late 1960s to open a riding school, that she found her calling – teaching young people to ride.

Mourners

Daughter Julie, aged 51, said: "She ran the riding school for 50 years until it closed two years ago, and in that time she taught hundreds of young people. Some of them went on to be very good riders such as professional show jumper Geoff Glazzard.

"It gave them a good start in horsemanship.

"She could be very strict but also very kind and there were quite a few people at her funeral who she had taught to ride, so she was obviously very well-loved."

Mrs Budd died at home in Neen Savage, near Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, after a heart attack, and was buried last Thursday at St Mary's Church in the village. Mourners made donations to Midlands Air Ambulance.

She is survived by her husband and children, Tim, aged 54, and Julie, who added: "She was very fun-loving. She loved the countryside and also swimming in the sea on holiday."

Trip to India called off by council chief

THE chief executive of Wolverhampton City Council has decided against a £15,000 trip to India.

Simon Warren had been planning to visit Bangalore from February 6 to 16.

In November he flew business class to India with the head of economic development Jay Patel.

The aim is to promote Wolverhampton as a place for Indian aerospace companies to invest.

But Mr Warren decided not to go on the latest trip before the Labour cabinet approved it for Mr Patel last Wednesday.

Mr Warren said he was still overseeing a restructuring of the council's senior management.

Three directors are to leave the authority by March 31.

Liam fans in rush

OASIS fans snapped up all 3,000 tickets within an hour to see former frontman Liam Gallagher's new band in Wolverhampton.

Beady Eye is performing at the Civic Hall on April 24 as part of the group's first UK tour. First in line last Friday was 27-year-old Philip Pearce, of Bilston, who has seen Oasis 17 times.

Hundreds of teachers suffer abuse from pupils

PUPILS at schools across the West Midlands attacked, threatened or hurled abuse at teachers on hundreds of occasions in a matter of months.

Latest figures show incidents 131 in one academic year in Wolverhampton – 118 of which involved "physical abuse"

In Dudley, there were 659 "violent incidents" – which ranged in seriousness from verbal volleys to assaults involving weapons – in 2009-10.

There were 194 reports in Walsall for the same period and 79 in Sandwell But Staffordshire County Council revealed it received 700 reports in only 12 months.

Wolverhampton City Council supplied figures for the calendar year 2009.

Aggressive

The Health and Safety Executive estimates dealing with an incident costs the education authority and school involved £1,250 – meaning the cost to the West Midlands could be more than £1.3 million.

Dudley Council spokes-man Chris Howes said violent incidents were down 17 per cent from 2008. The vast majority of reports, 595 of the total, were from secondary schools.

In Walsall, most incidents were in special schools where 98 reports were received while there were 79 in primary schools and 17 in secondary.

Interim managing director of Walsall Children's Services Serco, Graham Talbot, said: "There are a number of factors that affect the number of reported incidents. We actively encourage all Walsall schools to report any aggressive incidents."

Football grounds ban for 'idiotic' Wolves fan

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A TEENAGE Wolves yob has been banned from football matches for three years for swearing and chanting as he travelled home on a train following an away match in Manchester.

Joshua Beddall, aged 18, was branded an "idiot" by a district judge, while police said he was "clearly out to cause trouble" when he was arrested on his way back from watching the game against Manchester City. Beddall was with other fans on the service which was also carrying families.

He was watched by police as he became rowdy on the train to Birmingham New Street at around 7pm after watching his team lose 4-3.

Pc Daniel Hursit, of British Transport Police, said: "A short while into the journey Beddall became disorderly, singing inappropriate chants and swearing. Officers confronted him and asked that he refrain from shouting and swearing. He continued to do so, and when the service arrived at Wolverhampton rail station he was arrested for public order offences.

"Beddall was clearly out to cause trouble, which is why officers decided to swiftly arrest him."

Beddall, of Beachcroft Road, Wall Heath, Kingswinford, was given the three-year order at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court after pleading guilty to public order offences following the January 15 match.

Intimidation

He was also fined £100 and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 surcharge.

District Judge Graham Wilkinson, who granted the ban, said: "Football doesn't need idiots like you. You spoil the enjoyment for everyone else."

Pc Hursit said foul language and intimidation felt by members of the public was "totally unacceptable".

He added: "Those like Beddall who think they can behave in such a way, and ruin the experience of law-abiding supporters and members of the public, should know that we will continue to seek banning orders."

Figures released at the end of last year showed that Wolves was the Premier League team with the third highest number of fans being banned from football matches.

Eighty-six banning orders were in place as of November 19, 2010.

Builder joy on contract

A WOLVERHAMPTON building firm has taken on the renovation of a landmark building in Shropshire.

Three Pines is converting The Old Police Station at Whitburn Street, in Bridgnorth town centre, to offices for chartered accountants Stanton Ralph & Co.

Three Pines managing director Alan Bradshaw said: "We are delighted to be working on an exciting project to revitalise this historic building."

Architect Vic Johnson of the Johnson Design Partnership has produced designs for the scheme.

Philip Wood, a principal of Stanton Ralph & Co, said: "This very innovative project will provide us with practical, energy efficient new offices and client parking, and should be completed during the summer."

Parking concessions to aid struggling traders in village

TRADERS in a struggling South Staffordshire village look set to win their fight for parking restrictions to be relaxed in a move they say could save some businesses from folding.

Kerbside parking outside shops in Wombourne will be extended from one to two hours, provided the public response to a consultation on the plan is favourable.

The closure of two shops in quick succession after the opening of a new Sainsbury's sparked fears for the future of other stores, prompting a plea for help from Traders' Association chairman Keith Boxley. Mr Boxley, owner of Boxley's of Wombourne, said the news was a timely boost following the closures of Jonathan Edwards florist and fruit store and Haroli's Bakery this month. They followed the Friendly Pet Shop which shut after 17 years.

Sufficient

"I think this is going to go a long way to satisfying the concerns of traders," he said. "This will give customers sufficient time to get everything they need to do in the village done."

The consultation will finish later in February and signs will then be installed if responses are positive, meaning the relaxed restrictions could be in place by March.

Winter walkers soon warm up

Martin Harrison, of Black Country Living Landscapes, in Finchfield, Wolverhampton, with health walk leader Pru Coleman

HARDY Wolverhampton people wrapped up warm and braved the bracing weather for the first in a new series of walks in Wolverhampton.

Sixteen people turned out for the first Finchfield walk, setting out from Wolverhampton Environment Centre, in Westacre Crescent.

Most donned warm hats and coats and heavy duty footwear as advised by organisers at Wolverhampton City Primary Care Trust.

The walks, which cover between two and three miles, take place on the last Friday of the month around Smestow Valley. The first party set out at 10.30am last Friday, January 28.

All are welcome to take part in health walks and under-16s must be accompanied by an adult.

The walks are organised by the trust's Walking for Health scheme which runs more than 30 guided walks in more than 25 locations across the city each week.

For more details, email walkingforhealth@wolvespct.nhs.uk or call 01902 444601.

Sadness as city kills off market

MARKET traders in Wolverhampton spoke of their surprise and sadness after being told they could no longer set up stalls in a city centre street.

The privately-run weekly market in Dudley Street has been axed, despite traders saying business was thriving due to its central location.

Many added they would not relocate to the main Salop Street market because it was too far out of town.

Pritam Singh, from Dudley, who runs LPR fashions clothing business, said: "I am absolutely gutted.

"I have lost my best day of trading. If it was here every day of the week I would stand here every day of the week."

Natural

The 39-year old added: "Last week on Wednesday I took more money than I took on my Saturday and Sunday market in Wellesbourne combined.

"For the last four weeks I have been breaking even and I took £140 profit on Wednesday."

Jayne Stevens, aged 41, who runs Jane's Cosmetics, said: "It has taken a while to build up customers but I am starting to get that so it's not great timing at all."

The market, run by LSD Promotions Ltd, was launched on a trial basis.

City council bosses said that the trial had come "to a natural end".

Six dogs in kennel blaze

SIX dogs escaped serious injury after their large wooden kennel in the garden of a Wolverhampton home caught fire.

Fire crews were called to a house in Oxley Moor Road, Oxley, just after 3am on Sunday, January 30, and say that the blaze was caused by a heating lamp.

Three of the dogs, rescued by the owner's son, suffered minor burns and needed veterinary treatment.

Thief takes car from driveway

A THIEF stole a car parked outside a house in Wolverhampton while its owner left the engine running as it defrosted.

The keys had been left in the ignition of the VW Passat as the owner went inside the house on Wright Avenue, Wednesfield. The car was then driven away, at around 7.30am on Monday, January 31.

Pub twice hit by fire

FIRE crews were called twice in half an hour to fires at the same derelict pub in Wolverhampton. The first was at 8pm last Thursday at the former Monkey House pub, in Kent Street, All Saints.

Watch commander Tony Bucknall said: "There were reports of youngsters playing around."

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Murder squad returning to 1991 mystery

DETECTIVES were revisiting a lay-by near Wolverhampton this week where the body of prostitute Janine Downes was dumped exactly 20 years ago.Wednesday marks two decades since the mother-of-three's half-naked body was discovered in the lay-by at Shifnal.

Detectives from the West Mercia Police major incident unit believe that someone knows the killer, and urged them to break their silence. It is one of the force's oldest unsolved murders. Ms Downes's body was found just before 9.30am on the A464 Wolverhampton to Shifnal road.

Strangled – Janine Downes

Several arrests have been made over the years, but no-one has ever been charged.

Det Chief Insp Neil Jamieson, who is leading a cold case review into the murder, said the case sparked "huge interest" at the time, with many people coming forward with information.

Ms Downes had been strangled, suffered extensive head wounds and had been sexually assaulted.

Dragged

Mr Jamieson said: "Marks on the frosty ground indicated that Janine had been dragged to the spot where she was found, and a pathologist estimated that her body had been dumped there between midnight and 4am.

"We continue to seek that vital piece of evidence that will point us in the direction of an individual, whether that is someone we already know about from the original inquiry, someone who has come to our attention since, or a person we do not yet know anything about."

He added: "We're convinced that there are people who know who killed Janine. Twenty years on, we hope someone will decide it's time to come forward so that we can finally bring Janine's killer to justice."

The dead woman's white trainers, blue jeans and black shellsuit top with a yellow stripe bearing the words Nike International have never been found.

Appeal for relatives of care home man

RELATIVES of a man who died in Wolverhampton without making a will are being sought.

Benjamin Caldwell, who is originally from Burnley and is understood to have had family in the Northamptonshire area, died on January 7, 2011, aged 82 years. He had been a resident at Harper House Residential Home in Wolverhampton since 1997.

Anyone who is related to Mr Caldwell is asked to contact Elaine Thursfield on 01902 555740.

Mike Massingham admires the contemporary collection in Wolverhampton Art Gallery

Giving art a spin at gallery exhibition

ART lovers can enjoy a tour of Wolverhampton Art Gallery's latest exhibition this week.

Visitors will be shown around the Journey into the Contemporary Collection – Part 2 by curator Zoe Lippett. The tour is free and runs from 2-2.30pm.

The collection opened at the gallery in Lichfield Street in December and runs until next Saturday, February 5.It features a group of works on the subject of travel, journeys and discovery.

Visitors can view road trip-inspired pieces by artists Lisa Milroy and Jeremy Deller, as well as works recording the travelling community by renowned British photographer, Tom Hunter.

The Journey into the Contemporary Collection – Part 1, which consisted largely of installation pieces, closed in December. For details, go to **www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk** or call 01902 552055.

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Olympic bonanza for fence makers

A FIRM in Wolverhampton has struck gold at the Olympics, winning millions of pounds in work and increasing its workforce.

Metal fence maker Zaun has won £4 million of work on four sites at the 2012 Olympic Park in London, with a total return of £13 million.

Ian Wright, commercial manager of the firm in Steel Drive, said: "The Olympics work has been hugely important to us, particularly at a time when the economy has been in recession and the construction industry has slowed right down.

"Since we started work on projects for the Olympics we have increased our workforce by around 20 people, and now employ 56. And we are hoping to take on another four with our growth plans this year.

"We have also invested a total of around £5 million in new equipment and new factory space."

Security

Joint managing director, Alastair Henman, said help to expand came from Advantage West Midlands.

The firm is installing an innovative fencing mesh machine. – the largest of its type in the world – which will ultimately set the benchmark in the industry.

London 2012 work started with a joint contract to design, make and supply fencing at the east London site.

Zoan has deals for high security gates at the main stadium.

Ian Wright, commercial manager, and designer Adam Christie, front, with fellow Zaun staff

Woman is victim of attack

A WOMAN was sexually assaulted by a man with a scar on his face at a nightclub in Wolverhampton.

The 22-year-old was at the Manhattan CRC nightclub in Castle Street when the man struck, but shemanaged to escape and raise the alarm at 1am on November 21.

Police said the attacker, who was in his mid 20s, 5ft 7in andstocky, had a scar on the left side of his face by his cheek and brown eyes. One eye also appeared to focus in a different direction to the other.

The man was wearing a dark blue checked shirt, jeans and brown or black slip-on shoes.

Car catches fire

FIREFIGHTERS took 20 minutes to extinguish a blazing Citreon Xsara Picasso in Thorn Avenue, Bushbury, at 2.50am last Saturday, January 29. Bilston Fire Station ruled out arson.

Scott Benjamin

Jail ends reign of gangster

THE leader of a notorious Wolverhampton street gang has begun a six-year prison sentence after police found a loaded gun he had stashed under a bed.

Ex-cage fighter Scott Benjamin, street name Shredder, was behind bars today after police saw the grip of the pistol, which had seven bullets in it, sticking out of a bag at his girlfriend's house in Bradmore.

Benjamin admitted possession of the firearm and ammunition modified to let it explode on impact, on the basis that he was looking after it for a criminal associate.

Twelve officers were at Birmingham Crown Court ready to give evidence that Benjamin, 23, of Ploughmans Walk, Pendeford, was linked to gang crime.

Judge Jonathan Gosling said no further evidence about his lifestyle was needed.

Green light for furniture store signs

FOUR illuminated signs will be allowed at a Bilston furniture store despite the concerns of neighbours.

Leekes of Bilston, in Great Bridge Road, has been granted permission for two fascia signs by Walsall Council. Bosses withdrew plans for two others while three others were rejected by councillors last Friday.

Neighbours collected a petition opposing the scheme at the store which is part of the business's recent £3 million facelift after Leekes bought the former Cole's of Bilston store.

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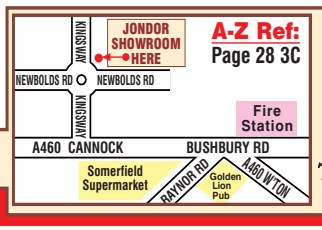

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Strictly speaking, this is not dancing

I do admire the celebs who work so hard practising for Strictly Come Dancing, but what has happened? It doesn't resemble ballroom dancing anymore.

I hope the programme does not influence the way people dance. On a crowded floor you need to show a bit of consideration towards the other couples.

Who wants to get kicked in the groin by a woman wearing a fringed bikini, whose partner is throwing her around like a rag doll? It reminds me of those Apache dancers, the man always wore a black and white striped jumper and the black beret, they used to throw a woman about.

When I was a child, I used to sit and watch my uncle and his French wife auntie Renie, dancing the Tango to an old wind-up gramophone, I've never seen anyone do a back bend the way she did, but if he had thrown her around the way they do on the Strictly Come Dancing show there would not have been much left of their front room.

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BRIDGE CORNER

ONE of bridge's great adages states that it is usually better to go for game in four of a major rather than Three No Trumps.

True, there is an extra trick to find, but most of the time you can make it via a ruff.

Every so often I test this maxim and on this occasion, playing teams when the overtrick is not an issue, I did so once more.

Sitting South I decided to pass as I thought my partner's bidding was showing me a balanced hand and my values were scattered among the suits.

Actually I don't agree with North's bid of Three No Trumps with a doubleton spade, as there is no point to it.

♠ A4
♥ KQJ5
♦ K762
♣ Q98

♠ 98653
♥ 3
♦ 10853
♣ A32

♠ QJ2
♥ 9864
♦ A93
♣ K74

♠ K107
♥ A1072
♦ QJ
♣ J1085

He should have gone to Four Hearts.

On checking the hands afterwards, Three No Trumps just makes but so does Four Hearts, the crucial extra trick coming from a spade ruff.

THE BIDDING

N	S
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3NT	P

My advice is to keep it simple.

As soon as South agrees the heart suit and invites the partnership to go on to game, North surmises that a game should be bid and made in hearts. So what's the purpose of the Three No Trumps bid?

Don't put pressure on your partner when the decision is yours.

Visit the website for Wolverhampton Bridge Club, www.bridgewebs.com/wolverhampton

– Jenny

We need our city shops to be open again

I've been shopping in Wolverhampton now for over 35 years.

I can remember the wonderful atmosphere in the old shopping arcade with the old-fashioned frontage to all the shops,

Woolworth was spread over three floors and the market was great for having a browse around and finding a bargain.

No matter what item you went to buy you never came back empty handed. There was a shop for everything.But what has happened to Wolverhampton now?

Shops are standing empty in and around the city; the indoor market looks dingy and not very welcoming in fact the majority of it looks like a glorified jumble sale.

And the hustle and bustle we encountered on a Saturday afternoon seems to have disappeared. But why is this?

Is it because of the property rental charges? I've recently heard that the rent on the shops in the town are astronomical, which is why so many are closing down and remaining empty.

Surely it would be in the council's best interest to reduce the yearly costs for retailers in order to get some of these empty shops up and running and bring the trade back to Wolverhampton, instead of the shops standing empty and bringing no revenue in at all.

I would have welcomed the Summer Row development, it could have brought extra trade into Wolverhampton and turned it into a vibrant shopping centre and kept shoppers here instead of travelling to the Merry Hill Centre, Telford or Birmingham.

So come on powers-to-be in Wolverhampton, something needs to be done now to get the heart back in the city.

We need our shops reopened.

ANGELA HEWITT
Wolverhampton

LOUISE LOOKS BACK 50 YEARS

ABOVE: Three members of the 11th Wolverhampton Company Boys Brigade who had won bronze awards in the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme. They were John Price, Ivan Martin and Roger Turley

LEFT: Ice-cream eating needs thought Five year old Jennifer Hickman of Lewis Avenue tucks into her jelly and ice-cream at the Eastfield Labour children's party

Off to a flying start in the men's 200 yard freestyle event were Mike Hands of Heath Town, on the left, and Paul Ferguson, also of Heath Town, third from the left. It was the Midlands versus North televised swimming gala at Heath Town baths. Ferguson finished second

Marks and Spencer's 'no dog' rule had been a total success. At their Dudley Street, store manager Mr Shapiro said: "Since the notice was put up people had been writing, telephoning and slapping us on the back to congratulate us.

"Our customers appreciate what we are trying to do – so much so, that we are going to take down the notices from the doors and have special ones put up around the food counters.

"We have had just as much success with our 'no smoking' notices.

There had been no incidents with dog owners turned away. Their comments had been, oh I didn't know. There has been no resentment to either rule added Mr Sharpiro.

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In a bid to protect the most burglar-prone shops in Wolverhampton, the Henn family jewellery firm were buying a new and expensive alarm system which they hoped would make their shops raid-proof.

And Wolverhampton police, alarmed at the high break-in rates with nine smash and grab raids in 12 months, were moving in with special safety and protection

precautions to foil the thieves.

The firm of T A Henn and Company had four shops in Wolverhampton dealing with exclusive jewellery and high quality China and glassware.

Altogether more than £3,000 worth of goods had been stolen from the shops during the year. The biggest single haul was in December when £1,500 of wedding, dress and eternity rings and necklaces were stolen from their Snow Hill shop.

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Want a small or big ball? That's what golfers were being askedwhen they visited sports shops in Wolverhampton. In one shop the sale of the bigger-size American ball was increasing and they were selling more than a dozen a week.

Golfers had been asked by the golf governing body to try the American size ball, which was legal under British rules, following an announcement by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, Scotland.

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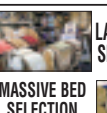

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Their "May Contain Nuts" tour is their most ambitious venture to date. For details of venues and tickets go to www.rosetheatre.co.uk or 01562743745.

Rent rise is well over inflation rate

RENTS for thousands of tenants in Wolverhampton will increase by an average of nearly seven per cent from March – which is almost twice the rate of inflation.

Critics warn the move could push families struggling to pay the bills following the VAT increase "over the edge".

The average jump of 6.93 per cent is due to be agreed by Wolverhampton City Council's cabinet tonight. The increases will affect 23,500 households.

The figure is way above the Government's preferred measure of inflation the Consumer Price Index, which is running at 3.7 per cent. Tenants in two-bedroom houses will be worst hit. They will pay an extra £5.48 each week, up 8.2 per cent from £66.66 to £72.14.

A family in a four-bedroom property will see bills rise from £78.55 to £84.19, up 7.2 per cent. And rents for one-bedroom homes will go up 6.5 per cent.

Labour deputy leader Councillor Peter Bilson today blamed government cuts for the rise.

"The 6.93 per cent figure means that the rent account will be in balance which is something we are obligated to do," he said.

But Liberal Democrat councillor Malcolm Gwinnett warned: "With fuel prices and the cost of living rising , this is going to push people living on the breadline over the edge."

Writing's on the wall and famous wanted

Mark Blackstock and Tony Perry appeal for more artists to appear on the Wall of Fame

IT already features some of the biggest names from the Black Country's entertainment industry. Now bosses at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall want to add more of the region's famous sons and daughters to its Wall of Fame.

Slade frontman Noddy Holder MBE was the first performer to have his name added to the shrine, in the main hall behind the stage, when it was first launched in 2008.

Since then boxing promotor Ron Gray, Glenn Hughes from the band Black Country Communion, Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham and his son Jason, also in Black Country Communion, and Slade's Dave Hill, Jimmy Lea and Don Powell have also been added.

Civic Halls general manager Mark Blackstock said there were one or two big names lined up alongside the greats already on there and urged people to suggest stars they would like to see included.

He said: "We are hoping to get Frank Skinner's name put up there and Lenny Henry's when he comes in March. Also maybe Robert Plant. He would be a great name to have on the wall.

"We have a great collection at the moment but we want even more names to cover the back of the stage and all the walls round the stage."

One time music promoter Tony Perry, who is the father of TV presenter Suzi Perry, said: "I think this wall is excellent and it certainly needs filling up. I helped bring many bands to the civic." Anyone with a suggestion should call the Civic Hall on 01902 552122.

Tackling illegal logging

A £1.5 million grant has been secured by the University of Wolverhampton to reduce illegal logging in Africa.

The four-year project has received funding from the European Commission. Illegal logging is the harvest, transportation, purchase or sale of timber which is carried out in violation of laws. The city university was the only university in the country to receive a share of the cash.

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The domestic staff in the 1900s, when John Hartley was tenant

The grand entrance gates to Tong Castle next to Newport Road

George Brew drawn in old age

The interior of Tong Church, along the valley from Tong Castle

Ghostly reminders of mansion's glory

MOTORISTS speeding along the M54 near junction 3 at Cosford have little idea that they are driving right through the site of a huge mock Gothic house, Tong Castle.

Some of the foundations and cellars are visible on each side of the motorway, but a more substantial relic is to be found in Marston Road, off Penn Road, in Wolverhampton. The pillars of the sandstone gateway to Tong Castle were rebuilt at the entrance to the Villiers factory at the behest of the family. The third and last house on the site of Tong Castle was contructed by George Durant after he bought the estate from the Duke of Kingston in 1765. As well as building the house, he employed Capability Brown to remodel the grounds.

Neachely Brook was dammed, creating Norton Mere and Church Pool, which lay in the valley curving back towards the village of Tong, and its lovely church, known as the "miniature Westminster Abbey of the Midlands".

The Durant family were to live in the house for less than 100 years, and it was bought by the Earl of Bradford in 1855, largely for the estate lands. There were still a large household staff for the tenant, John Hartley, and a gamekeeper, James Brew, was recruited from Cosford Grange in the 1860s. Children of the staff walked to Donington School each day, a tiny establishment which is now a nursery.

James's son, George Brew, hatched a plot with another of the children to attend alternately, and to pocket the penny fee which they saved, supposedly teaching one another what they had learned.

The magnificent mock Gothic frontage of Tong Castle, in Shropshire

Dangerous

George remembered walking home alone one night and being frightened by one of the footmen, who emerged from behind a bush wearing a white sheet and shaking chains. George was a plucky boy, and threw stones at the ghostly apparition.

John Hartley died in 1891, and his wife continued to live there until her death in 1909, after which the house was left empty.

During the 20th century Tong Castle fell into dereliction, not least because the lead was removed from the roof during the First World War. By the 1950s the house had become dangerous and the Army was brought in to blow it up.The gates were removed to the Villiers factory in Wolverhampton.

They had stood next to Newport Road at what is now the entrance to a paintballing site. Sadly, the gates are too narrow for the trucks of today. One of the gateposts has now been demolished, a sad relic of a magnificent house, the ghostly bones of which lie compacted by passing juggernauts.

The great bell of Tong was cast in 1515, broken by Parliamentarian forces in 1635, then repaired. But it cracked finally in 1848

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By Alec Brew

One of the gateposts from the entrance to Tong Castle, now in Marston Road, Wolverhampton

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We have tried to help out – store

A SUPERMARKET at the centre of a row over collapsing trade in Wombourne has defended its contribution to the community.

It was reported last week that two more independent businesses in Wombourne had closed down, blaming in part the impact of a new £15 million Sainsbury's store.

Jonathan Edwards florist and fruit store and Haroli's bakery, both at Windmill Bank, have closed. The Friendly Pet Shop and a village takeaway store have also closed in recent weeks.

But Sainsbury's spokeswoman Hannah Chance, speaking on behalf of the Heath Mill Road store, defended its role in Wombourne.

Benefits

"As a result of the store's opening, a range of additional benefits have been provided by Sainsbury's to support the community, including a free and frequent bus hopper service that runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"A Sainsbury's-funded website has also been launched to promote the other shops and services in the village centre.

"Sainsbury's has also made contributions to improve and maintain the canal towpath and Wom Brook Walk, which links Wom Brook Country Park to the store and the village.

"Local people also benefited from over 200 full and part-time jobs created."

Boosting hall cash and all that jazz

THREE events to boost the coffers of Codsall Village Hall are due to be held in the next two months.

A Live and Local show starts it off with The Lady Loves Jazz, an evening with Helen Barrett, with classic and contemporary songs. She is joined by one of the country's top jazz pianists on Friday, February 18 at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £9 or £8.50 from Kaleidoscope, The Square, Codsall; Learning Ladder Perton; or ring 01902 843412.

On Saturday, March 4, at 7.30pm there is a Horse Race evening with free entry and free buffet.

And for something different Codsall Dramatic Society is presenting a Murder Mystery on Saturday, March 19, at 7.30pm. Food will be included in the ticket price of £7.50 available from members of the society or ring 01902 755488. At all the events there will be a bar and parking.

Log on to **www.codsallvillagehall.co.uk** for more details.

Nursery bags funds for coat trolley

Team leader at Sainsbury's in Perton, Denise Fyfe, (left) presents Perton Nursery nurse Sian Garratt with a cheque. At the front are youngsters Lewis Davis-Brown and Evie Groom

YOUNGSTERS at Perton Village Nursery now have somewhere to hang their coat after a supermarket donated £50.

Denise Fyfe from Sainsbury's handed a cheque to the Church Road nursery towards a fund for a coat and bag trolley for the children.

Staffordshire County Council covered the rest of the expense via their local community fund after Perton ward councillor David Billson stepped in.

A 32-hook coat stand will now be installed, and manager Michelle Pritchard said the donations were most welcome.

"The coat room is overflowing so this will ease congestion. It helps children get ready quicker and promotes independence."

In spring, thoughts turn to music-filled evenings

FREE music events have been announced for South Staffordshire as part of annual spring concerts.

Musicians will be travelling the district and performing in community settings, providing an opportunity for those who would not normally be able to access live professional concerts.

Performers include Narcissus Duo – a flute and harp duo – as well as John and Helen Mills, a vocal and piano duo, and Astrum Guitar Duo. Concerts are in Perton, Codsall, Lower Penn, Wombourne, Penkridge, Brewood and Essington. Call Rachel Taylor on 01902 696534 for details.

Exodus at marina council quickens

TWO more councillors have resigned after a canal marina was given the go-ahead.

Swindon Parish Council now has three elected members to represent the village – the legal minimum required for it make decisions.

Mick Rothwell and Beverley Ingram are the latest to stand down, branding the authority a "toothless tiger" over its failure to block plans for a 199-berth marina.

Upset

Mr Rothwell, a retired businessman of no political allegiance, said: "I am very much against the marina, as are many people, and I'm very upset by the way it has been dealt with by the district council. They have disregarded everything anti-marina.

"The Government told us before the election that local people would make local decisions but that isn't the case.

"There have been a few times things have happened that the parish council didn't like – it's a toothless tiger and I don't see the point in continuing."

Three weeks ago Albert Hazeldine, Reg Seggar, Wilf Pearce and Keith Pincher quit the council.

Window fixed

A CRACKED glass pane in the door of Swindon Community Centre, in High Street, has been repaired. Swinson Parish Council paid out £178.50.

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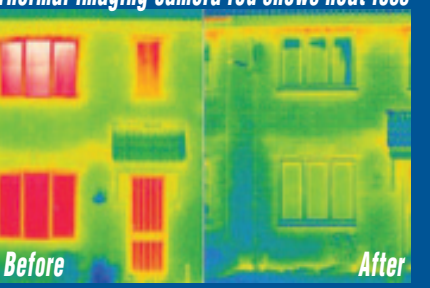

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An interior view of the shell of the new swimming pool at Bilston's new leisure centre and (inset) the steel frame of the £14.9m facility is up as work goes on

£14.9m pool project is going swimmingly

THESE are the latest pictures of Bilston's rapidly emerging £14.9m leisure centre which is on schedule to be finished this summer, despite problems caused by the snow.

Steelwork, all 800 tons of it, is due to be complete by the end of next month with the curved shape that will make it so distinctive now clearly identifiable. Main contractor Shepherd Construction said that work was also under way on the masonry, roofing and cladding.

The 5,600 sq metre leisure complex, first phase of Bilston Urban Village regeneration programme, will have a 25-metre pool, learner pool, sports hall, health and fitness suite, four squash courts and meeting rooms enclosed by floor-to-ceiling glass windows.

It will complement the South Wolverhampton and Bilston Academy due to be built nearby. Councillor Stephen Simkins, Wolverhampton City Council cabinet member for leisure and culture, said: "The new leisure centre will be a landmark development for the people of Bilston and Wolverhampton and I am delighted that the construction work is right on track."

He said the standard of facilities would be "very high" and a big improvement on those at the old leisure centre in Prouds Lane.

The centre is being built on behalf of the city council, with the project managed by the council's property services team.

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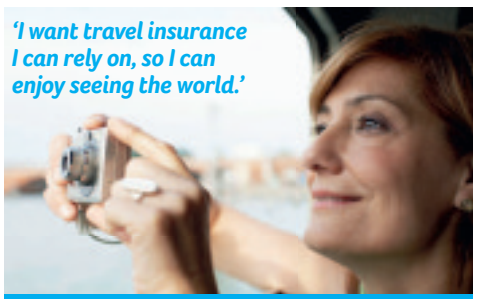

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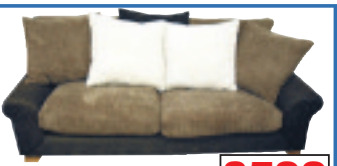
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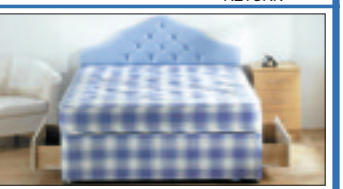
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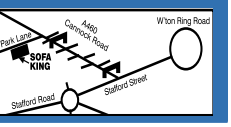

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Rock studio sounds like good idea for daughter

A MUSIC lover has opened her own rehearsal rooms in Wolverhampton – after her father helped with the building work

Sophie Brady, aged 20, opened Riff Rooms just seven months ago after her dad Chris helped furnish and soundproof the empty unit in East Park Trading Estate, Hickman Avenue.

She said: "He's wonderful. I cannot believe how well we're doing, it's unbelievable."

Chris Brady, aged 42, owns Brady's Brunch cafe, which is next door to Riff Rooms.

Mr Brady said: "It's good to have new businesses in the community. Sophie has always been interested in music, and there is a demand for rehearsal rooms. The idea just seemed to make sense.

"The reaction we've had from the music scene and community has been fantastic.

"Everyone has been very helpful in letting us advertise and I think they also recognise the need for places for musicians to practise."

Sophie, of Simmonds Place, Darlaston, plays violin, guitar, piano and saxophone. She had just finished her A-Levels in music and performing arts at St Thomas More Catholic School, Willenhall, when her father came up with the idea.

Anyone wishing to book a rehearsal room or inquire about tuition can log on to the **www.riffrooms.moonfruit.com** website.

Sophie Brady in one of three rehearsal rooms in East Park she rents out to bands, joined by Ian Dowdeswell and Ryan Evans of The ClockTower

Wardens safe from cutback says council

COMMUNITY crime-fighters in Wolverhampton will not be scrapped when Government funding runs out, councillors say.

Senior councillors have agreed to keep the 30 neighbourhood wardens in place using council tax.

Neighbourhood wardens who patrol the city are funded by grants which the Government is axing. Twelve neighbourhood managers are still at risk, though.

The Labour cabinet was told that funding of £862,000 for the wardens, which included Government cash, would be continued.

Details have yet to emerge as to how the wardens' roles will change in future but a report said the number of wardens would remain at 30. More than 1,600 people signed a petition calling for the wardens and local neighbourhood partnerships (LNPs) to be preserved.

Neighbourhoods chief Councillor John Rowley said: "The neighbourhood warden service will continue. There are other aspects of the LNPs which we are currently considering."

School parents see £25m plans

DETAILS of the major refurbishment of two Wolverhampton schools which will see them combine in one £25 million complex have been unveiled.

The Kings C of E School is being remodelled to share a site with Tettenhall Wood Special School as part of the city's £270m Building Schools For The Future project. Work is already under way on the scheme, which will see top swimming, athletics, tennis and football facilities created – many of which will be used for public sessions outside of school hours.

Sensory gardens, theatre space and allotments will also be created, and details of the project were unveiled during a public meeting last week.

Principal John Allin said: "The whole thing will be done and dusted in 2012. Some of it will be ready to be moved into by the end of this year.

"We have temporary classrooms, and we are moving people in as each part becomes ready. The children have taken it all in their stride.

"It's a very impressive design. Everything will be purpose built and designed for learning in the 21st century, reflecting the fact school buildings need to change."

Mr Allin added: "I'm delighted with how it looks, and things like the ICT facilities will be state of the art.

"We are very fortunate as a sample school that plans are going ahead in full– the fruition of three years work.

Computer

"The community see the cranes coming in and perhaps don't understand it all, so this presentation is all about showing them."

Geoff Hopkins, chairman of the Tettenhall Tenants and Residents Association, said: "The plans are out of this world. I've seen this as it's developed over quite some time and it's good for the pupils, they're going to have brilliant computer facilities."

The BSF project will lead to the complete rebuilding or refurbishing of 25 secondary schools. The city's BSF scheme has been stripped of £34.8m, but council bosses insist that any cuts are manageable.

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Car key burglars strike again

CAR key burglars have stolen another four vehicles after sneaking into unlocked homes around Wolverhampton.

Houses in Tettenhall, Wednesfield and Bushbury have been targeted since December. A BMW and an Audi were among the cars driven off in the latest incidents after thieves crept into homes and hunted for keys.

Pc Ian Jones, crime reduction officer for Wolverhampton police, said: "In all of these latest raids, opportunist thieves have gained access to people's homes through doors that had been left unlocked."

Wolverhampton has been badly hit by gangs of car key burglars, who either steal cars to order or for use in other crimes such as armed robberies.

In the latest theft a blue Volkswagen Golf was taken from the driveway of a property in Chartwell Drive, Bushbury. The thief snatched a set of keys after opening a front door and grabbing them out of the lock on the inside.

Grabbed

The car was spotted later at Tesco Express on Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, when a passenger filled up with more than £50 of diesel before being driven away.

The spate began when three men in dark clothes walked into a house through an unlocked front door at Ringwood Road, Bushbury in December and stole car keys before making off with a silver Toyota Aygo.

Also in December three men let themselves into a property on Five Fields Road, Ashmore Park, and grabbed the keys for an Audi. The next day, thieves walked into a house in Springfield Lane, Bushbury, and took the keys to a Mini. They were disturbed and police arrested two men.

On December 22, thieves stole a white BMW from a property in Ormes Lane, Tettenhall, after walking in through an unlocked side door and taking the keys between 2pm and 4.45pm. Witnesses should call police on 0345 113 5000.

Stock plea after PDSA shop vandalised

A VANDAL-HIT charity shop in Wolverhampton is appealing for donations.

Burglars broke into the PDSA shop in Church Streeet, Bilston, and took the collection box from behind the till.

A week later the shop was hit again, this time by vandals who smashed a window which had only just been replaced following the previous attack.

Manager Lorna Balfour, aged 28, said: "It's awful when things like this happen because we work really hard to make the shop successful.

Replace

"Lots of people give their time for nothing and it's devastating when it feels people are deliberately targeting you."

She asked for donations of clothing, bric-a-brac and books.

"Fortunately the collection box had not long been emptied so they didn't get away with much," she said.

"But we had to pay out to replace the window, only to have it smashed again."

She added that many charity shops were finding trading difficult because of the recession.

Lorna Balfour, manager of the PDSA charity shop in Bilston, inspects a broken window following the latest vandal attack

Parking blitz near hospital

WORK has started to extend double yellow lines around Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital to prevent visitors clogging up nearby roads with their cars.

Wolverhampton Road near the hospital has been earmarked for action following complaints from residents.

Parking spaces are available for £2 at the hospital for up to three hours, £3 for three to five hours and £5 for five hours and longer, but some visitors have refused to pay.

Heath Town ward's Councillor Milkinder Jaspal, who wrote to the council more than a year ago, said many people opted to park along Wolverhampton Road, creating a "dangerous" bottleneck at busy times.

David Orton, Wolverhampton City Council's head of transportation, said traffic wardens would be patrolling.

"We will be monitoring the situation over the coming weeks," he said.

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Bostin' debut for our peer Rachael

WOLVES vice-president Baroness Heyhoe Flint of Wolverhampton has revealed she had to fight the temptation of putting on a Black Country accent when she was sworn in at the House of Lords.

The former England women's cricket captain took her seat in the Lords for the first time last week – but not without a few jitters.

A beaming Lady Heyhoe Flint said afterwards: "I felt desperately nervous but I didn't fluff my lines.

"Somebody asked if I started off going 'awlroight'. In Wolverhampton, whenever you meet people, they say, 'awlroight' – but I didn't.

"I was on my best behaviour and I thought I had better keep it just Oxford English."

She was thrilled to be flanked by Lord Coe and Baroness Verma, a former Tory candidate for Wolverhampton South West, who were her supporters for the occasion.

The new working Tory peer added: "I was just relieved that Seb Coe didn't sprint into the chamber because I think I might have come a very distinct third," she said.

Watching her from the gallery were husband Derrick, son Ben, 36, who had arrived from Singapore, and step-children Simon, Hazel and Rowan.

Mentor

Within minutes of being ennobled in the upper chamber, she was greeted by Lord Speaker Baroness Hayman – another former Wolverhampton Girls High School pupil and no stranger to the Molineux terraces. And Baroness Perry of Southwark, who attended the same school, has been appointed her mentor as she learns the ropes.

The 71-year-old, who is Wolverhampton born and bred and lives in Tettenhall, soon learned that she had her own coat peg at the peers' entrance.

"The last time I had a peg with my name on was at Woodfield Junior School, Penn," the new baroness said.

Rachael Heyhoe Flint in the Queen's Robing Room before the ceremony

Baroness Heyhoe Flint's first day in the Lords

Games offer at theatre

CENTRAL Youth Theatre of Wolverhampton is searching for budding young artists, designers and costume makers for their Dancing for the Games project.

Everybody Dance Now is part of the West Midlands Cultural Olympiad, inspired by London 2012.

The project, which will culminate in an international youth theatre festival in August, has already taken on several young people as apprentice directors and writers, and is now offering more places.

Positions up for grabs at CYT include apprenticeships in costume design, set design and technical theatre.

Anyone interested can visit **www.centralyouththeatre.org** or call Jane Ward on 01902 572091.

Job losses as firm folds

A TOTAL of 71 staff have lost their jobs after Black Country property and construction group Image Styles went into administration.

The company, carried out refurbishment and property maintenance and repair work, including painting and decorating, plastering and extensions, for customers including Wolverhampton City Council, Sandwell and Dudley.

Construction firms Taylor Woodrow and Thomas Vale were also on the client list of the Tipton group, which employs a total of 95 people at Image Styles Property Services Ltd, Image Styles Insulations Ltd, and Image Styles Decorating Ltd. Workers outside the firm in Sedgley Road West said they were called into the boardroom last week to be told the news.

Father-of-four Steve Cole, 54, of Reddal Hill Road, Cradley Heath, was a painting and decorating supervisor and the longest serving employee.

He said: "I am disappointed and surprised. This firm has been like a family to me for the past 31 years."

No directors were available to comment and calls were being referred to administrators RSM Tenon in Birmingham.

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Hidden treasure in groundsman Alex's hideaway

Alex Poile outside his tower house at Tettenhall College

IT is like stepping into a storybook – a surreal cross between The Lord of The Rings, Lancelot of the Lake and The Motorcycle Diaries.

But that only begins to tell the story of the pretty octagonal gatehouse built in Wolverhampton in 1868.

The unique property has been home for the last 33 years to college groundsman Alex Poile and is affectionately referred to by students as The Tardis, with its small, eight-sided kitchen leading into a warren of rooms not visible from the drive.

And every curiosity therein tells a story, from the goat's skull to the Victorian oil lamps, to the stuffed birds and the German bayonet his grandfather used in the First World War.

In the living room, books about medieval history sit proudly next to the 63-year-old's collection of heavy metal music.

There is a wind-up gramophone and a collection of cacti, a framed Rupert Bear illustration and several cuckoo clocks, a nod to his mother's Austrian roots.

Hanging from the ceilings are eight wooden ducks bought for £2 as a job lot from Wolverhampton market while his stone fireplace is a shrine to Tolkien.

Mythical

In his bedroom a shop rail filled with biker leathers from America is placed beside a wicker basket of vintage teddy bears.

"The artist in me likes to have things around that are pleasing to the eye," says the grocer's son, whose paintings of mythical scenes hang in every room.

The books, mainly on astronomy, architecture and the natural world, were acquired when the college library relocated.

Alex's hobby began when he met his former wife Valerie, from Tettenhall, in Kent, wooed her and followed her back, moving into the groundsman's lodge which came with the job in 1977.

On trips home to Folkstone and neighbouring Deal and Dover in the half-term holidays, he would scour antiques shops for collectables.

"Students have often brought me things, too," he says, telling the tale of a pupil who insisted on bringing him a 3ft-high wooden statue of a fierce-looking demon-warrior from a holiday in Kenya.

"It was so big that his mother had to pay for a seat on the plane for it," he laughs.

He now gets around the campus by quad bike, leaving the gatehouse at 5.25 each morning to let in the cleaners and unlock various parts of the building before heading off to check the sports fields and gardens.

Living with him at the lodge is his four-year-old boxer dog, Max, and a newly-acquired lionhead rabbit called Simba.

His small, portable TV is hidden behind curtains on a lower shelf.

He turns it on for the weather forecasts and Wolves matches and sometimes students will come over to watch The Hobbit with him.

"I don't know what I'd do if a friend turned out to have an 8ft by 4ft flat screen telly in a minimalist flat with no books and nothing on the walls," he says. "I suppose we'd still be friends but I'd find that a very strange concept indeed."

Books and ornaments on a shelf

Models of owls and a Tolkien dwarf character

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TOP RIGHT: Owner David Wilsdon
RIGHT: Wednesfield Girl Guides out and about

Pictures that capture the changing face of the area

IT IS a collection of pictures that captures the changing face of the region, offering a sepia snapshot of Black Country life in the early parts of the 20th century.

But David Wilsdon, owner of Wolverhampton Books and Collectables, had to look much further than the West Midlands to add to his growing stock of regional memorabilia.

"A couple of the pictures were bought over the counter, but I actually got one from an auction in America and another in Bristol," he said.

"The internet allows me to keep track of things like this without having to travel. I come across things all over the place. I've bought in stock from Australia, America, Canada, New Zealand – virtually all of the English-speaking countries.

"I think they have ended up over there as mementos, or in gifts taken over by visiting relatives.

"These particular pictures are all local scenes and are unique examples of life as it was.

One shows a King Street newsagent standing proudly outside his store in the early 1900s – the changing tone of advertisements is demonstrated by a comic book promotional poster offering dads the chance to "Keep your boys from mischief".

Another captures Wednesfield girl guides marking Empire Day in the 1930s by urging Britons to buy British foods.

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An old photo of men outside the Shrubbery Mill in Horseley Fields

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Bill, front row, sixth from left, and the rest of the choir at the Llangollen Eisteddfod, in July 1977

Bill, front row, fourth from left, with glasses, performing in the 1950s

Bill Blower and wife June cut the cake

Celebrations as choir takes note of Bill's 60 years

WHEN Bill Blower joined Wolverhampton Orpheus Male Voice Choir as a 21-year-old the singing group was in its infancy.

Since then he has married, watched his two daughters grow up, had four grandchildren and retired from work.

And the 81-year-old's loyalty to the choir has never wavered as he has now celebrated his 60th anniversary as a member. The group's popularity has also soared, making a name for itself on the international stage.

A surprise celebration to mark Mr Blower's contribution to the choir over the past six decades was held at Perton Golf Club. As the former principal tenor of the choir, he has performed in countless shows up and down the country and abroad.

And despite becoming the choir's longest-serving member he has no intention of giving up his singing just yet.

Mr Blower, a former Springfield Brewery worker of Noose Lane, Willenhall, said: "It is my life and I love it.

"I would never miss a rehearsal. The event was a total surprise to me. I thought I was going to a Burns Night concert."

Jubilee

Wolverhampton Male Orpheus was launched in 1943 by Frank Weaver and a number of experienced singers from Wolverhampton Male Voice Choir.

The choir at Perton Golf Club celebrate Bill Blower's 60 years of song

In 1993 it celebrated its golden jubilee with celebrations at Wolverhampton Civic Hall while dignitaries also flocked to its diamond jubilee festivities at the Gala Concert in Beckminster Church in 2003. Over the choir's 67-year existence, members have entertained audiences across the UK.

The group played a major part in the formation of the Atlantic Singers, singing aboard the famous QE2 in the 1990s, as well taking to the stage at St Patrick's Cathedral in New York and St Anthony's Cathedral in Lisbon.

In 1997 it was the chosen choir to sing in St Giles Cathedral, in Edinburgh, during The Tattoo celebrations, while it was also honoured in 2004 with singing at Lincoln Cathedral to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of D-Day.

More than 80 guests took part in the recent celebrations to mark Mr Blower's contributions to the choir, which included a formal lunch and performances by members.

Mr Blower's wife June, aged 76, said she would never dream of asking him to leave the choir.

"I take him to all of his rehearsals. Even when he broke his ankle a few years ago I had to wheel him to rehearsals. He was a leading tenor but he now only does a few smaller parts," she said.

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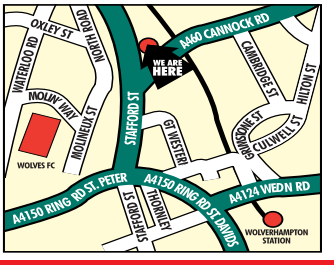

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UP to 25 car parking places are being created at a Wolverhampton hospital.

The £50,000 investment at West Park Rehabilitation Hospital would see the number of spaces for staff and visitors rise from 56 -81. A timber portable cabin housing administration staff would be removed to free up space for the facility.

A planning application has been submitted to the council by Wolverhampton City Primary Care Trust for consideration. Bob Perry, the trust's manager of property and development service said the application depended on two factors.

He said: "The project is subject to planning approval and also if PCT funding becomes available in the financial year 2011/12."

West Park Rehabilitation Hospital provides care for older people and rehabilitation services for people suffering from brain injuries and long-term neurological conditions.

Complaints

The estimated cost of the project is £50,000 which will include the removal of utility services from the portable building as well as the development of parking area and landscaping.

But the PCT has stressed both the cost and the number of parking spaces are estimated, and will depend on what officials at the planning department require in terms of landscaping.

A decision should be reached on April 14.The move comes just weeks after separate measures to tackle problems with parking around the West Park area were announced.

It was revealed last month that a time limit will be introduced in parking bays around the beauty spot amid complaints spaces for visitors were being hogged by office workers.

Waltzing away with title

Ballroom Champion Alicia Phillips Bullock cwith her trophy

A YOUNG dancer from Wolverhampton has waltzed her way to a top national trophy.

Ten-year-old Alicia Phillips Bullock and her dance partner Logan Culliney landed the title of British Juvenile Champions at the British Ballroom and Latin American Dance Championships. Alicia and Logan, aged 12 , from Hull, were overall winners at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool on January 8.

The youngster follows in the footsteps of her parents Warren and Jane, who were the British Number One couple at the British Ballroom and Latin American Dance Championships in 1994.

She is also a triplet and her sisters India and Savannah are also dancers. Mr Bullock said he and his wife, who live Showell Lane, Lower Penn, were "extremely proud" of Alicia.

Alicia is a pupil at St Benedict Biscop Primary School in Wombourne and began dancing at the age of five. She is trained by her parents.

Health trust in awards scheme

A HEALTH trust has launched its annual awards scheme for staff who have excelled in the last year.

The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust has collected nominations from staff and members of the public for its Royal Awards.

Individual staff or teams from medical and non-medical roles, including caterers, administrators and porters, were all eligible.

Chief executive David Loughton CBE said: "These awards are a special way of thanking those who go above and beyond their day-to-day role.

Smile

"It's all about those people who have really made a difference directly, or indirectly, towards the care our patients receive.

"It's not simply about someone doing a good job, or coming in to work with a smile on their face. All that is important, but this is a chance for us to shine the spotlight on those who have gone that extra mile."

Catering supervisor Trish Archer was part of the cooking team which won an award last year. She said: "When I found out we'd been nominated and had won, I felt genuinely appreciated and pleased."

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Specialist school for opportunities

Engineering Your Child's Future Career Prospects

A NEW specialist science and engineering school is set to open in Walsall that will give your child the very best opportunities in gaining the skills to become the next James Dyson or Steve Jobs.

Ministers from the Department of Education have awarded the scheme with a capital allocation of £9.5m, which will open to students on the site of Sneyd Community School in September 2011, creating the next generation of scientists and engineers.

Black Country UTC

The Black Country UTC, which will serve the Black Country and surrounding area, will be one of the first of its kind across the country, offering year 10 and year 12 sixth-form pupils the opportunity to focus on science and engineering subjects in a specialist environment.

Science and engineering influences every aspect of modern life, with scientists and engineers using their specialist knowledge to make things work and solve problems. Closely linked with technology, many science and engineering roles rely on the latest technological advances in a fast-paced and growing industry.

Centre of Excellence

The Black Country UTC will focus on becoming a centre of excellence for new engineering, with 480 pupils from across the Black Country and South Staffordshire. During their studies, pupils will have the opportunity to gain specialist training in engineering and science, including subject areas such as: processing engineering, product design and environmental sustainability.

Pupils attending the UTC should be passionate and committed about developing the skills required for a career in engineering. Integrated into their technical studies will be GCSEs in English, maths, science and ICT, along with employability and enterprise skills. Work-related learning and gaining the practical skills required for employment will also form a central part of the learning programmes on offer.

Utilising Advancing Technologies

The curriculum will be actively shaped by employers and industry stakeholders, ensuring the knowledge and skills pupils gain fully meet the demands of industry. It is proposed that the new facility will support the Black Country regeneration agenda by addressing the need of more relevant and current educational and training opportunities for young people in engineering and manufacturing.

The new facility will utilise the advancing technologies within new engineering and will adopt the sponsors' ethos of preparing students to be 'skilled, professional and enterprising'.

The UTC will draw upon the expertise and industry links of Walsall College and University of Wolverhampton, whilst giving pupils clear progressive routes to further education, university and high level apprenticeships.

Amarjit Basi, Principal and Chief Executive of Walsall College commented: "This is an extremely exciting opportunity for young people in the Black Country and surrounding area. The Black Country UTC will provide pupils with an interest in engineering and science to learn and succeed within an inspirational institution, supported by expert staff, utilising the latest technology that industry has to offer.

Birthplace of Engineering

"The Black Country is the birthplace of engineering. Pupils at the UTC will be involved in areas like product design for green technologies, such as water harvesting, solar power, climate control and wind generators. Both sponsors are committed to working in partnership with other schools and colleges, so that their students and staff may also benefit from what will be a regional centre of excellence."

Furthermore the UTC has partnered with the Royal Institute of Mechanical Engineers, in order to provide professional accreditation to students.

Amarjit added: "All the students enrolling with our UTC will be registered as Young Engineers, a programme which maps to the IMechE professional accreditation system. As a consequence our students will graduate at the age of 18 or 19 with letters after their name.

"This is a really exciting step towards finally achieving parity between vocational disciplines and academic education".

Professor Caroline Gipps, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wolverhampton said: 'We

are proud to be co-sponsors of this exciting new development within the Black Country. Science and Engineering education remains a priority for the university and this development will ensure that the Black Country UTC produces some of the brightest scientists and engineers in the UK".

ROADSHOWS

A series of roadshows are taking place to inform parents and potential pupils about the forthcoming University Technical College (UTC), set to open in Walsall in September 2011.

The roadshows have been organised to give parents and potential pupils more information about what the UTC will offer and give them the chance to register their interest for a place.

If you would like to find out more about what the Black Country UTC has to offer your child, you are invited to attend one of our open evenings:

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Honeymoon delay hitch 50 years ago

AFTER a nightmare eight-hour journey to their honeymoon hotel only to find it closed – then being offered a night's sleep in a police cell – marriage didn't get off to the smoothest of starts for one Wolverhampton couple.

Brian and Josephine their wedding day

But Brian and Josephine Turner have now celebrated 50 years of marriage.

The pair, both now 71, had travelled by train to Llandudno for their honeymoon after getting married at St Leonard's Church in Bilston in the January. But severe weather conditions delayed their journey, meaning they didn't arrive until 2.30am to find the hotel shut.

"The taxi driver tried to kick the door and did everything to get us in but we couldn't wake them up," said Mr Turner, a former director of Darlington Carpets. "He took us to the police station where they gave us both a cup of tea.

"They offered us to sleep in separate cells but we managed to get through on the phone at about 5.30am."

They first met at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall at the age of 19.

Brian and Josephine Turner celebrate

Robo-surgeon to be used at New Cross

IT looks like an extra from a futuristic science fiction film, but this robot will soon be joining surgeons in operating theatres at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

The robot is the first of its kind in the West Midlands and will be used in operations within months.

The £1 million Da Vinci robot has been leased to the hospital and helps surgeons perform intricate operations. It features a robotic cart with arms, with instruments mounted on to them, which are moved by the surgeons.

The device senses the surgeon's hand movements and translates them electronically into scaled-down micro-movements to manipulate the tiny instruments.

Tremors

It also detects and filters out any tremors in the surgeon's hand movements, so that they are not duplicated robotically.

The robot will first be used in the hospital's urology department from May and then rolled out into the gynaecology, colo-rectal, and cardiology departments.

Hospital chief executive David Loughton said: "The benefits of using this instrument are huge.

"Patients operated on using this method can expect less scarring, a shorter hospital stay and far less risk of infection.

"Clearly, this type of surgery cannot be used for everything we do, but it will certainly help us to become more efficient, whilst reducing the level of discomfort experienced by our patients."

The robot has already been tried and tested in a number of London hospitals. New Cross bosses said patients that had undergone surgery aided by the robot had praised the difference it had made in terms of their recovery.

The robot to be used in ops

Village day centre may face the axe

A DAY centre in South Staffordshire for patients with mental health problems could be axed under new proposals by district health chiefs affecting almost 700 people.

The views of users are being sought on plans to change a range of existing mental health day services in the South Staffordshire primary care trust area, including St David's House in Wombourne. It is one of seven day centres throughout Staffordshire which could close.

Others under threat are in Cannock, Lichfield and Stafford. They will close if the scheme is approved.

Health bosses say research shows that 438 of the 680 people who use the current mental health services would be better supported under the new plan, with future care provided by "more appropriate" health teams.

They also say that the proposals – the result of extensive discussions over the past two years – would save the trust money.

John Wicks, director of commissioning at South Staffordshire PCT, said: "By moving away from this traditional approach we will be able to offer creative and innovative services that match individual needs."

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Sue's photograph of waxwings which she saw during a walk

Berry good winter for rare visitor to our city

Birdwatcher Sue Jarvis with her camera in a hide she has set up in her back garden in Finchfield, Wolverhampton

RARE aerial visitors to the West Midlands have been captured on camera by an "twitcher" who spends her spare time under cover in a hide in her Wolverhampton garden.

Sue Jarvis snapped a picture of waxwings using her modest camera. And her find is likely to spark a scramble among birdwatchers keen to see the waxwings during their unusual visit to the region.

In most years, fewer than 100 waxwings travel south to the British Isles from Scandinavia in year to look for food, it is thought, and most of them stay on the east coast from northern Scotland down to East Anglia.

This year, because of the harsh winter, a number have travelled inland in search of their favourite hawthorn and rowan berries. Sue spotted eight of the birds perched on rowan trees near her home in Adams Road, Finchfield, Wolverhampton, and wasted no time capturing the scene on her camera.

With their spiky feathers and colourful crests they are instantly recognisable and create distinctive photographs when in silhouette.

Unmistakeable

Sue was out for a walk when she saw the birds. The 53-year-old, who works an administrator at Initial Facilities Services at Tarmac head office in the city centre, said: "They are such unmistakeable birds and here they are in suburban Wolverhampton.

"The rowan trees in Adams Road have lovely berries in them which the waxwings just love and they have pretty much demolished them now. I have seen them once before, in 2005, and I never thought in my lifetime I would see them again.

"They are such startlingly beautiful visitors."

The birds head south between October and March. But Mrs Jarvis, who lives in nearby Wychbury Road, Finchfield, said it was rare for waxwings to have worked their way as far west as Wolverhampton by this time of year.

The birds tend to migrate to the British Isles when food stocks further north begin to run out.

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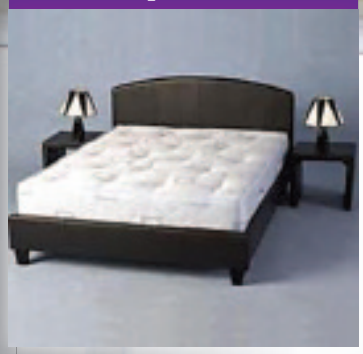

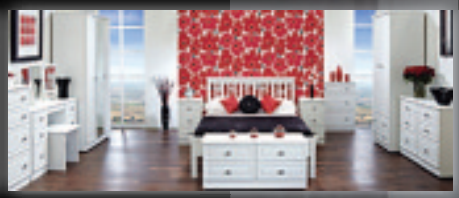
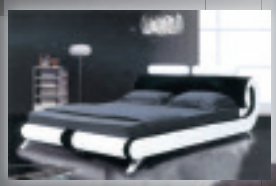
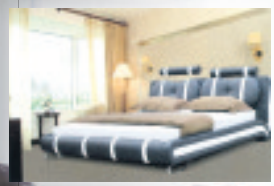

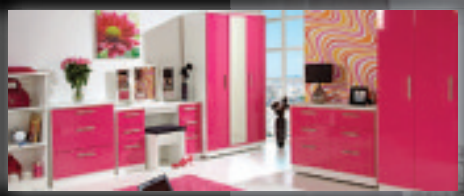

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Help! I'm a stressed parent get me out of here

PARENTS go out just 15 times over the first five years of their child's life, a report has revealed.

That means that on average in one year couples get just three nights a year of quality time together away from the children and the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Seven in 10 parents wish they could have more nights out with their partner, and 57 per cent reckon their relationship has lacked romance since the arrival of their firstborn.

The biggest reasons for staying in night after night include not having enough money to go out (42 per cent) and feeling guilty asking people to babysit (41 per cent).

ReadyBed conducted the poll of 3,000 parents in conjunction with the launch of www.saturdaysleepoverclub.co.uk

Spokeswoman Lucy Wynn Jones, said: "The harsh reality is that although parents would relish more quality time together, in most cases the children come first.

Important

"People feel bad for putting their own relationship as a couple above their children – as well as beating themselves up about getting in the babysitters, they also feel bad for wanting time away from the children.

"But it is enormously important to continue a degree of normality and romance after becoming parents."

A quarter of parents reckon a night out is no fun when you don't get a decent lie in the following morning – in fact, 66 per cent would definitely wine and dine their partners more often if babysitters were available for the following day as well.

But a third of sensible folk admit a hangover with the kids is unbearable, and 15 per cent reckon they spend most of their evenings catching up on the housework rather than enjoying anyone's company.

Just under half of those polled would be more tempted to have nights out if friends or other people actually offered to babysit.

And 82 per cent would be more likely to enjoy an evening out more if their kids stayed overnight with a trusted friend or family member.

Difficult

Two thirds of Brits claim to miss the time they once had with their partner before they had children and 45 per cent feel they don't communicate as much as they used to.

And when couples do enjoy a rare night out, 42 per cent are always surprised at how well they get on with their partner. But 34 per cent admit that on at least one occasion the night had been ruined because they'd been called back by the babysitter, who couldn't cope with the children.

When questioned about what they miss most about life before the children, just over half said weekend lie-ins.

Worry

Twenty five per cent of people say they miss the lively nights out they used to enjoy with their partner, while the same percentage miss undisturbed nights in.

The ReadyBed spokeswoman continues: "Those people who find it difficult or expensive getting babysitters should club together with friends, to share out the babysitting duties on a monthly basis.

"That way the children get to enjoy quality time with their friends as they have sleepovers together on a regular basis and the adults get some much-needed time away from parenting responsibilities, enabling them to regain some of the life they had before the kids came along."

The study shows 58 per cent of parents rarely even have special nights in together – of these, 28 per cent say their children don't go to bed early enough, and when they do, 21 per cent will get up several times and disturb them.

Without the worry of babysitters, a romantic meal was by far the most desired activity for 54 per cent of folk.

One in 10 people would go to the cinema with their partner if they had the chance, 11 per cent would appreciate a trip down the pub and six per cent would go clubbing.

TOP 10 REASONS THAT PARENTS DON'T GO OUT

1. Lack of money
2. Guilt at asking people to babysit
3. Too tired
4. A hangover with the children isn't fun
5. There isn't a lie in to look forward to the following morning
6. There is no one to babysit
7. There is no one who can be trusted with the children
8. Most evenings are spent catching up with housework
9. Don't want to do anything without the children
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In 2008, a total of £10.7 billion was spent on motor insurance and £8.8 billion on property insurance.

The Association of British Insurers has published tips and myths guide to help consumers make the right choices when taking out insurance.

Maggie Craig, the ABI's acting Director General, said: "In the current economic climate, it is even more important people are not under-insured or put off getting vital cover because they don't understand how insurance works.

"People with questions about their insurance should always talk to their insurer or an insurance broker to make sure they have the right level of cover for their needs."

Top Five Insurance Tips

1. TOP TIP: Disclosure is key. Whether it's previous medical problems or a recent speeding fine, full and early disclosure avoids any possible problems later. Holding back something that is relevant will be a false economy if it means your claim is later turned down. If in doubt, always tell your insurer.

2. Your home should be insured for its rebuilding cost, not its market value. Your buildings insurance sum insured must reflect the full rebuilding cost of your home, not its market value. The ABI has a rebuilding calculator which can help - ***http://abi.bcis.co.uk/***

3. Home improvements should be reflected in the sum insured. The extra value from improvements such as house extensions, new kitchens, bathrooms should be included when renewing your home insurance as they will increase rebuilding cost and therefore the sum insured.

4. Update contents cover. Always keep a check on the value of contents, especially as a home may now contain several flat screen TVs, laptops and music players. If you get new expensive goods, ring your insurer to add it to your policy.

5. Life insurance is based on your health when you take the policy out, not on any subsequent changes. Unlike annual insurance policies, such as motor and household, life insurance is a long term contract. So as long as you answer all questions honestly and provide full and correct information at the start, your premiums and your cover, should stay the same as you get older, even if you fall ill.

The ABI is the voice of the UK's insurance, investment and long-term savings industry.

It has more than 300 members, which together account for around 90 per cent of premiums in the UK domestic market. The UK insurance industry is the third largest in the world and the largest in Europe, helping individuals and businesses protect themselves against the everyday risks they face.

It pays out more than £230 million per day in pension and life insurance benefits and over £50 million per day in general insurance claims.

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Sorting myths from the truths

MYTH: Your vehicle is worth what you paid for it, not what it costs to replace.

FACT: If your car is stolen or damaged beyond repair, the insurer will pay you what it costs to replace it with a similar model today, not what you paid for it, as most vehicles lose value over time.

MYTH: If your house suffers subsidence it will become uninsurable

FACT: Subsidence (as well as landslip and heave) will usually be covered by buildings insurance. If after a claim you are having problems getting subsidence cover there are some schemes available that can cover properties with a history of subsidence. An insurance broker can help you find these.

MYTH: The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is a substitute for travel insurance.

FACT: While the EHIC entitles you to any necessary state-provided medical treatment it does not provide full NHS coverage whilst abroad or pay for emergency repatriation to the UK. You need travel insurance for these.

MYTH: Online insurance comparisons always return the best insurance option.

FACT: Make sure that the policy you buy covers you for what you need, don't choose on price alone and ensure you compare like-for-like. Also remember that not all insurers are on comparison sites and if you have specialist requirements, it may be more suitable to contact insurers directly.

MYTH: There is an 'Act of God' exclusion in insurance policies.

FACT: Insurance policies do not contain such an exclusion. Itwill set out what is insured and what the main exclusions are. If loss occurs from an event covered, then the insurer will pay out, in accordance with the policy terms and conditions.

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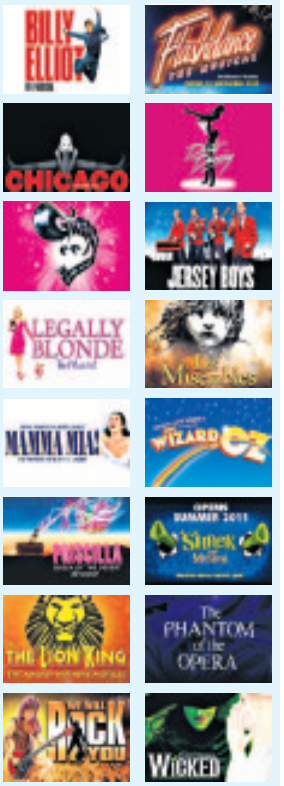

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A smart suit, shirt and tie is a must for business

Can a tailored, professional new look really be achieved at a limited cost? Ketan Jethwa, creative director of the sixth generation bespoke tailoring business, Tailoring UK, shares his advice

WITH the excesses of Christmas a distant memory you should have had chance to take stock of what the next 12 months have in store, both socially and professionally.

This means that you're in a much stronger position to plan your 2011 wardrobe.

You only have to look at the television schedules to support this theory.

The cookery programmes promoting healthy eating that dominated in January have been replaced by makeover and consumer-focused shows. The simple reason is that producers know that this is the time of year when people start thinking about their personal style more seriously.

So, we've established that now is the right time to make a change, but how should you go about doing it, especially if you want to go for a more tailored, professional look?

For many, refreshing their business wardrobe will take priority, especially given the talk of the further testing economical times to come. At a time when performing to the best of your ability is vital, looking your best will also play a critical part.

It's an age-old saying, but first impressions really do count.

If your job requires a smart look, I would suggest having a good selection of well fitting business suits, say about four or five, with around two different shirts that can be worn with each. For men, it's also a good idea to have a suitable tie to pair with each shirt, too. This kind of capsule business wardrobe should certainly see you through 2011 and well into 2012.

If you want to be right on trend, opt for a sharper fit to suits and shirts, going for navy or shades of grey with a subtle detail or stripe.

It may seem like a pricey option, but if you take time to stand back and look at the bigger picture, it can seem like a cost effective approach. It can come in very handy when it comes to weddings, christenings and, dare I mention, the next round of Christmas parties!

Having these itemst will help to save on the added expense of buying a new outfit for such occasions, with the reality being that most of these 'occasion' outfits are purchased and only normally worn once.

It's also worth remembering that elements of your business wardrobe can be broken down for more informal occasions.

A blazer can easily be dressed down with a pair of jeans for both men and women, creating a more relaxed, yet still tailored and on-trend look. If you're working to a very limited budget, then only a couple of key purchases may be achievable.

However, that is not to say that your dreams of a new image should be discarded. Take a look at some of the older items in your wardrobe and seek the advice of a tailor. They may be able to suggest changes that can be easily made to the look and cut that will instantly update them!

The most important thing is to be selective with purchases. When considering colours, designs and cuts, think ahead to the summer months and make sure you have a few items that will work during warmer weather too.

When buying a garment, ask yourself "do I need this and will I wear it?". They may be obvious questions, but taking a couple of seconds to reflect can help to avoid impulse, and often unnecessary, purchases.

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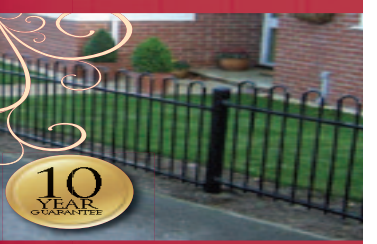

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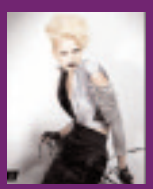

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It doesn't matter what you're studying – a wide range of skills are needed on set, and from hospitality students providing catering to beauty students doing makeup, not to mention drama students stepping in front of the spotlight, there's a chance for everyone to get involved.

Last year students helped produce a feature adaptation of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar which was filmed at the former Springfield Brewery in Wolverhampton and which will be premiering in March. This year learners will be working on Shakespeare's Henry IV.

The film project is designed to inspire budding movie-makers by giving them an insight into the realities of a career in the film industry. Supported by mentors from the film industry and education, students spend five weeks on set and try their hand at everything from camera to makeup and from wardrobe to post-production.

A Level students from City of Wolverhampton College shunned all the comforts of the modern world when they stepped back into the eighteenth century for a full three days.

The Sociology students fully immersed themselves in the life of a pre-industrial family as they lived in the Kinver countryside for three days and two nights.

The group of 13 students experienced all that the 1800's had to offer as they lived in the grounds of Kinver Scout Activity Centre from November 17 to 19.

As part of the experience, the teenagers, who were dressed in 18th century clothing for the duration, had to make the pillows and mattresses they slept on for the two nights, as well as dig their own toilets, collect water and start a fire.

They spent their time engaged in typical skills of that era, including catching and gutting fish and setting up snares.

The students also had to take the law into their own hands as a crime was committed, learn about the herbal remedies used in healthcare and walk a mile to collect water.

Student Aaran Rajan, aged 16, said: "It's been a brilliant experience and I have really enjoyed some of the tasks we have been given – especially gutting the fish! I have also been surprised at how much we take for granted living in the 21st century."

Our students enjoy a wide range of activities and trips to help bring their course to life, from being put through their paces at the Royal Marine Training Base to working with artists at the Museum of Modern Art in Dublin.

To find out how you can join the 18,000 students that choose to study with us drop into our open evening on 7th February!

Meet Andrew...

Hairdresser Andrew Parker is the owner of Vintage Hair Studio in Wombourne.

The 21-year-old, who gained his NVQ Levels 1, 2 and 3 at City of Wolverhampton College, decided to study hairdressing because he was looking for a sociable job where he would get to meet people.

He said: "The course was really good and the teaching was very thorough. I really appreciate what I learnt and feel the experience had made me the person I am today. The Academy Hair Salon was especially helpful because it kept you on your toes and gave me a taste of what it would be like to run my own business.

"The tutors really pushed me to do my best and when I think what I was like when I first started at college I have definitely grown up and matured a lot.

"I love hairdressing – it's grown into a passion and I can't see myself doing anything else."

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Tutor Jane Cowan said: "We are very proud of our students, who all gained excellent marks."

The college is one of only a handful of venues in the country offering the course, which is designed to expand knowledge and extend experience.

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Spa Students Raise Cash for Injured Soldiers

Kind-hearted spa students from the college gave up their time on a chilly Saturday this Winter to help raise cash for the Help the Heroes and the Mercian Regimental Benevolent charities.

Nine Spa Therapy students joined members of the Mercian Regiment to collect cash at the Molineux on November 13 as part of the official Wolves 4 Armed Forces Day in commemoration of Armistice Day. They were joined by Public Services students from the college.

Captain Simon Cupples of the Mercian regiment said: "The day was a great success with fans donating generously.

"The Regiment would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Wolves fans for their continued support as well as City of Wolverhampton College who very kindly helped collect money at the match."

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How any dream came true

Liam Gallagher leads his new band Beady Eye to Wolverhampton

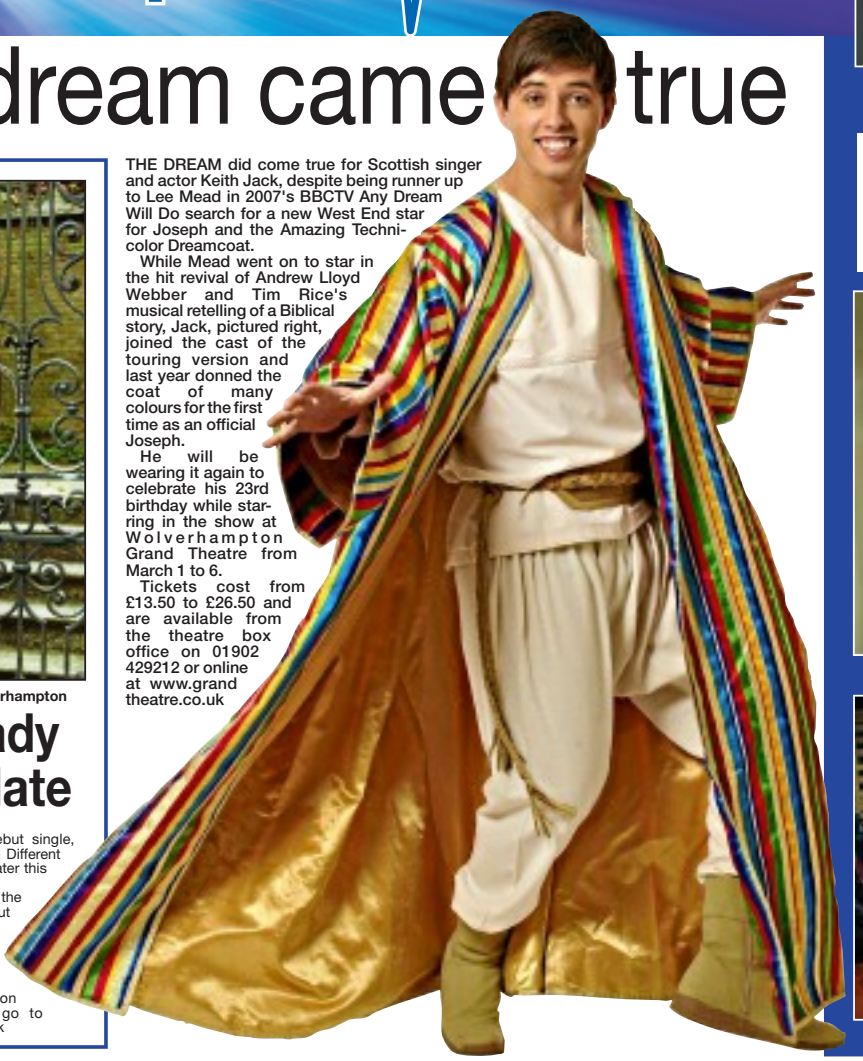
Liam has his Beady Eye on city tour date

BEADY Eye, the band formed by singer Liam Gallagher and other former members of the last incarnation of Oasis, come to Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Sunday, April 24, as part of their first UK tour.

The group was formed after the exit of Liam's brother, chief songwriter Noel Gallagher, meant the end of the hugely popular Britpop band.

In Beady Eye Liam is joined by guitarists Gem Archer (ex-Heavy Stereo) and Andy Bell (ex-Ride) with drummer Chris Sharrock (ex-La's). They release their debut single, The Roller, and album Different Gear, Still Speeding, later this month.

To get a preview of the band's songs check out their website – www.beadyeymusic.com – and for tickets, which are priced £27.50, contact Midland Box Office on 0870 320 7000 or go to www.wolvescivic.co.uk



THE DREAM did come true for Scottish singer and actor Keith Jack, despite being runner up to Lee Mead in 2007's BBCTV Any Dream Will Do search for a new West End star for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

While Mead went on to star in the hit revival of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's musical retelling of a Biblical story, Jack, pictured right, joined the cast of the touring version and last year donned the coat of many colours for the first time as an official Joseph.

He will be wearing it again to celebrate his 23rd birthday while starring in the show at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from March 1 to 6.

Tickets cost from £13.50 to £26.50 and are available from the theatre box office on 01902 429212 or online at www.grandtheatre.co.uk

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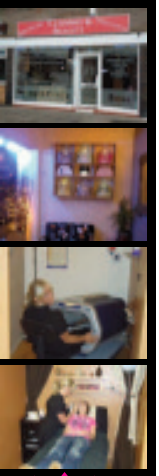

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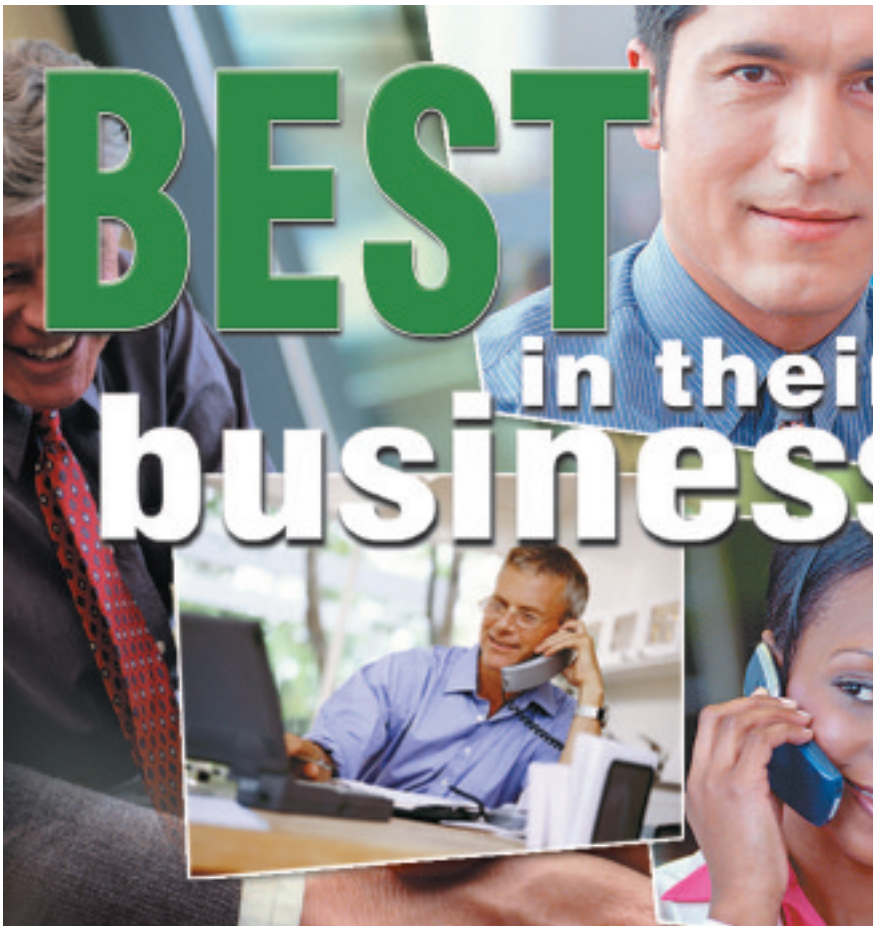

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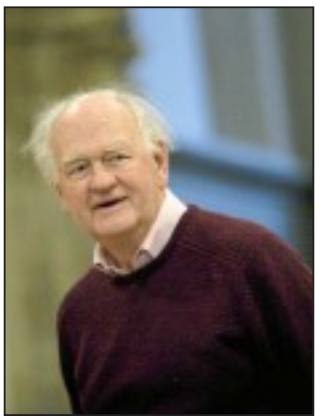
Play that will have you in tears

WARTIME weepy Goodnight Mister Tom is being brought to the stage at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Tuesday.

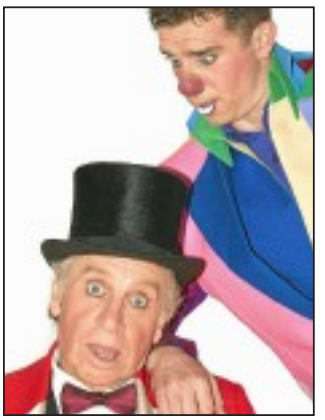
The play is an adaptation of Michelle Magorian's popular children's novel about how a young London evacuee with a sad secret forges a friendship with his cantankerous old host, the titular Mister Tom, in a rural community.

Playing Mister Tom, a role associated with the late John Thaw from a popular TV film version, is Royal Shakespeare Company actor Oliver Ford Davies, who will be familiar to fans of the blockbuster Star Wars movies as Sio Bibble in The Phantom Menace, Attack of the Clones and Revenge of the Sith. He was also Polonius to David Tennant's Hamlet at Stratford.

Goodnight Mister Tom is staged at the Grand nightly from February 8 to 12 with matinees on the Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Tickets are priced from £6.50 to £22.50.



Oliver Ford Davies stars in Goodnight Mister Tom at The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton



Ringmaster Clive Webb and clown Danny Adams appear with Circus Hilarious

Hardeep Singh Kohli will brings his "chat show with curry" show to Wolverhampton

Joined

There is music and mirth at the Lichfield Street theatre this weekend with the Magic of Motown ensemble playing the Motor City's greatest hits in a soul tribute concert on Saturday.

Then modern day clown Danny Adams and ring master Clive Webb, father and son, are joined by the rest of the Circus Hilarious crew for family-friendly comedy at 1.30 and 6pm on Sunday.

The week after sees the return of Tamworth-based singing star Niki Evans as Mrs Johnstone in Willy Russell's classic Scouse musical Blood Brothers, at the Grand from February 14 to 19.

Craig Revel Horwood's flamboyant revival of 1980s musical Chess, created by the ABBA pair of Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus with Sir Tim Rice, returns to the West Midlands at Birmingham Hippodrome from Monday to the following Saturday.

Shona White stars as the woman caught between two Chess grandmasters, one Russian and one American, in the show which includes the hit songs I Know Him So Well and One Night In Bangkok.

Members of the Birmingham Royal Ballet move across the city centre from their home venue at the Hippodrome to the Symphony Hall for an evening of Music and Dance presented by the company's director David Bintley tomorrow night (Friday).

The show is the last hurrah of the company's 20th anniversary year in the city and will include highlights from the BRB's repertoire, including the much-loved Hobson's Choice and La Fille mal Gardee. Birmingham Rep's first off-site production is Kenny Baraka's musical post-apocalyptic tale The Rememberers, the one hour tale of a teenager who holds the key to mankind's future.

It will be held in a warehoue at the AE Harris Building in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter from tomorrow (Friday) to February 19. Contact the box office on 0121 236 4455.

Tribute

Circus of Horrors bring their modern day freak show to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on Tuesday and it is for over 16s only.

The one-nighters at the Alex continue with a visit by psychic Sally Morgan on Wedneday.

Roger Dean and the Lazy Boys present their tribute to a country music legend in The Johnny Cash Story on Friday, February 11. Birmingham School of Acting's spring season includes Jewish drama A Dybbuk in the main house at The Crescent Theatre in Birmingham from February 9 to 12.

During the same period, BSA perform adults-only drama Piano/Forte in the Crescent's Ron Barber Studio.

Raconteur, cook and comedian Hardeep Singh Kohli follows up his Nearly Naked Chef show with Chat Masala, which he describes as a "chat show with curry".

The Glaswegian host will interview local guests, including Wolverhampton-born Times journalist Sathnam Sangera, author of The Boy with the Top Knot, and Black Country medium Philip Solomon, and everyone will get a chance to sample his curry. It takes place at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre on Wednesday, February 9.

Comedy highlights will also feature East End comic Micky Flanagan at Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday. That's the same venue for Punt and Dennis, They Should Get Out More show on February 9. John Shuttleworth will be at the Town Hall on February 10.

Culture

In Wolverhampton, comedienne Andi Osho, from Channel 4's Stand Up For The Week, is at The Slade Rooms on Sunday night as part of her first tour, Afroblighty. It tells of her inspiring culture clash upbringing as a child of Nigerian parents being brought up in London's East End.

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BBC1

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7.00 Come Fly with Me. [illegible]

11.10 The Football League Show. [illegible]

BBC2

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9.00 Faulks on Fiction. New series. [illegible]

ITV1

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Channel 4

[illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R) [illegible]

9.00 FILM: Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer. (2007) The superhero team faces a powerful alien sent to prepare the Earth for destruction by its planet-eating master. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Ioan Gruffudd and Michael Chiklis.

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Channel 5

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7.00 NCIS. [illegible]

9.00 CSI: Miami. [illegible]

10.00 CSI: NY. [illegible]

11.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. [illegible]

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.45 Ready Steady Cook. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Due South. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 3.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 One Man and His Campervan. 7.00 Top Gear. (R) 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Baking Made Easy. 9.00 Horizon: How to Survive a Car Crash. 10.00 Episodes. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mad Men. 12.10 An Island Parish. (R) 12.40 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Lakes. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 The Biggest Loser. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Total Emergency. (R) 11.35 That Sunday Night Show. (R) 12.05 Grimefighters. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.25 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 Sail Mail. (R) 6.10 The Treacle People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 According to Jim. (R) 9.00 The Secret Millionaire USA. 10.00 Desperate Housewives. (R) 10.55 Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The TV Book Club. 12.30 Film: Sailor of the King. (1953) Second World War adventure remake, with Jeffrey Hunter. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Dispatches: Tabloids' Dirty Secrets. 9.00 One Born Every Minute. 10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. 11.05 The Joy of Teen Sex. (R) 12.10 Premier League Poker. 1.10 Mosley. 2.05 The Genius of British Art. (R) 3.00 Titanic: The Mission. (R) 3.55 Dispatches: Tabloids' Dirty Secrets. (R) 4.50 ER. (R) 5.35 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.45 Ready Steady Cook. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Due South. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 3.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 One Man and His Campervan. 7.00 Natural World. 8.00 A Farmer's Life for Me. The eight remaining pairs enter the world of pig-farming. 9.00 The Chinese Are Coming. China's role as a rising economic superpower. 10.00 How TV Ruined Your Life. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mad Men. 12.10 Who Gets the Best Jobs? (R) 1.10 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.05 Sail Mail. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 According to Jim. (R) 8.55 The Secret Millionaire USA. 9.55 Desperate Housewives. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Film: Rooster Cogburn. (1975) Western sequel, starring John Wayne, Katharine Hepburn and Anthony Zerbe. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Gok's Clothes Roadshow. 9.00 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. An insight into the lives of Britain's traveller men. 10.00 Shameless. 11.05 The Big C. 11.45 The Big Bang Theory. 12.15 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.15 Bull Run. (R) 1.40 World B-Boy Series. (R) 2.35 FIS World Snowboarding Championships. (R) 3.00 Basketball. (R) 3.50 NCTV. 4.20 ER. (R) 5.05 Bear Grylls: Born Survivor. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 The Hairy Bakers. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 3.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 One Man and His Campervan. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 8.00 Masterchef. 9.00 A History of Ancient Britain. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mad Men. 12.10 The Chinese Are Coming. 1.10 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 According to Jim. (R) 8.55 The Secret Millionaire USA. 9.55 Desperate Housewives. (R) 10.55 Country House Rescue. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.20 Film: Day of the Outlaw. (1959) Western, starring Robert Ryan and Burl Ives. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Beauty and the Beast: Ugly Face of Prejudice. 9.00 Mary Portas: Secret Shopper. 10.00 The Joy of Teen Sex. 11.05 Shameless. (R) 12.05 Music on 4: Sounds from the Cities. 12.40 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. 12.55 Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) 1.10 My Family's Crazy Gap Year. (R) 2.05 Animal Madhouse. (R) 3.00 Food: What Goes in Your Basket? (R) 3.55 ER. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.45 Ready Steady Cook. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Due South. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 3.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 One Man and His Campervan. 7.00 The Culture Show. 8.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. 9.00 George VI: The Reluctant King. Profile of George VI. (R) 10.00 Victorian Pharmacy. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mad Men. (R) 12.10 The Culture Show. (R) 1.10 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Save My Holiday. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 A Question of Sport. (R) BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 QI. (R) 9.00 Hustle. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.30 Film: Right at Your Door. (2006); Weatherview. 1.05 Sign Zone: At Home with the Georgians. (R) 2.05 Horizon: What Is Reality? (R) 3.05 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 3.35 Save My Holiday. (R) 4.20 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.15 Ready Steady Cook. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Due South. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 One Man and His Campervan. 7.00 Julia Bradbury's German Wanderlust. (R) 7.30 An Island Parish. 8.00 Mastermind. 8.30 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. 9.00 Can't Take It with You. 10.00 Fast and Loose. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show; Weather. 11.50 Film: A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints. (2006) Fact-based drama, with Robert Downey Jr. 1.25 Film: Alpha Male. (2005) 3.00 BBC News. 4.20 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Children's Hospital. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Comedy Rocks with Jason Manford. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 30 Years of An Audience With. (R) 11.35 Take Me Out. (R) 12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.45 October Road. (R) 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 According to Jim. (R) 8.55 The Secret Millionaire USA. 9.55 Desperate Housewives. (R) 10.55 Gok's Clothes Roadshow. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Film: Prince Valiant. (1954) Adventure, with Robert Wagner. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.25 4thought.tv. 7.30 Father Ray Comes Out. 8.00 Relocation: Phil Down Under. 9.00 Embarrassing Bodies. 10.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. 11.20 10 O'Clock Live. (R) 12.25 Music on 4: Countdown to the NME Awards 2011. 12.45 Music on 4: CTRL.MX. (R) 1.10 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Introduces Claire Maguire. 1.20 My Name Is Earl. (R) 2.05 Film: Lemming. (2005) 4.15 Hair: It's All Good. (R) 4.20 MBSH. (R) 4.30 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.00 The Vanessa Show. 11.45 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.40 Five News. 12.45 Build a New Life in the Country. (R) 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Home and Away. 2.50 The Family Recipe. (R) 2.55 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 3.10 Film: Lying to be Perfect. (2010) 5.00 Five News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 Zoo Days. (R) 7.00 Five News at 7. 7.30 Vets in Action; (R) Five News Update. 8.00 Ice Road Truckers; Five News at 9. 9.00 The Mentalist. (R) 10.00 Law & Order. 10.55 NCIS. (R) 11.55 Cops in Crisis. (R) 12.15 SuperCasino. 3.55 Motorsport Mundial. 4.20 Royal Navy Caribbean Patrol. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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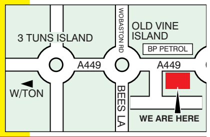

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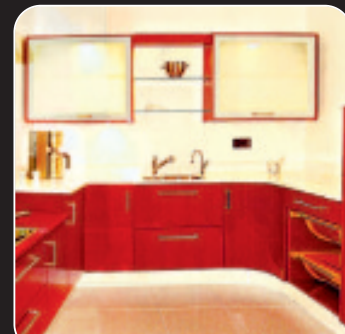

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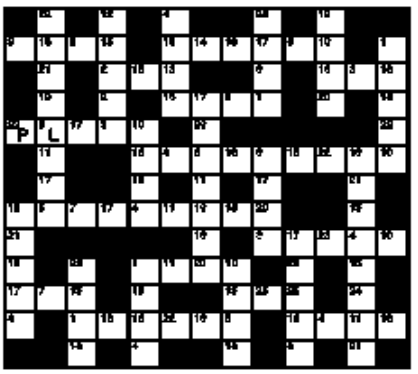

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1 Q	2 R	3 V	4 X	5 Y	6 C	7 D	8 L	9 T	10 G	11 B	12 E	13 U
14 F	15 K	16 N	17 H	18 M	19 J	20 O	21 A	22 I	23 S	24 Z	25 W	26 P

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Double Crossword

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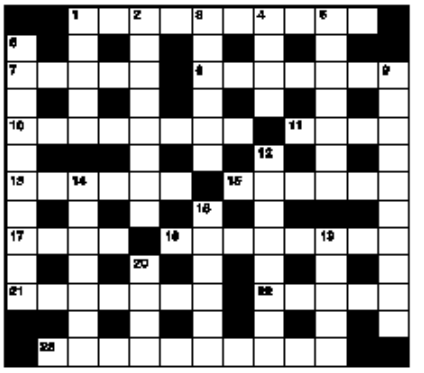

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. As taken by a parachutist? (6,4)
7. Its failure will make one speechless (3)
8. Cheer the proceedings with a vile pun, perhaps? (5,2)
10. Re-written rule said to be remaining (8)
11. Such a spot missed no doctor! (4)
13. Taking a sporting chance? (6)
15. Agrees it's mixed lot (6)
17. Expel from a to move Trade Union (4)
18. Remove everything and leave (5, 3)
21. Runs lightly onto the scene - and stumbles! (5,2)
22. Layer on article turned to shade of red (3)
23. Ready made for Boy Scouts (2, 8)

Down

1. Not a bad point for trade exhibitions (3)
2. Lie dying, perhaps, and surrendering (8)
3. Indian antelope that's ailing, per haps (6)
4. Exist to overthrow sin (4)
5. It will confuse men in a certain continent (7)
6. Come to a mean conclusion (7,3)
9. Up to date description of Christmas? (7 3)
12. Speak a noise? (8)
14. A lump. There is substantial (7)
16. On swing in being fing up students (4,2)
19. Was a possessive type? (5)
20. Rules of star potential (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Meeting place (10)
7. Unit of weight (5)
8. Curtail (7)
10. Replica (8)
11. Opinion (4)
13. Estimate (8)
15. Concealed (6)
17. Inactive (4)
18. Refutation (8)
21. Sincere (7)
22. Once more (5)
23. Colony (10)

Down

1. Renovate (5)
2. Unnecessary (8)
3. Simpler (6)
4. Old violin (4)
5. Incapacitated (7)
6. Patient (10)
9. U.S. State (3, 7)
12. Feign (8)
14. Stillness (7)
16. Tranquil (6)
19. Characteristic (5)
20. Catalogue (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS.
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 England, 7 Order, 10 Mass, 12 Stroll along, 15 Friendship, 17 Constable, 19 Lion, 21 Grow, 22 Smoke. Down: 1 Green, 2 Age, 3 Left, 4 Sidewalk, 5 Revenge, 8 Smoke, 11 Impossible, 13 Lawyer, 14 Forward, 16 Costs, 18 Lance, 20 All.
QUICK - Across: 6 Revenge, 7 Angle, 10 Cue, 11 Overbearing, 12 Trepidation, 15 Provocation, 17 Pandemic, 18 Odd, 21 Flip, 22 Clarify. Down: 1 Venus, 2 Mass, 3 Plane, 4 Infection, 5 Shelve, 8 Sandy, 11 Prevalent, 13 Polite, 14 Orderly, 16 Edify, 19 Ugly, 20 Act.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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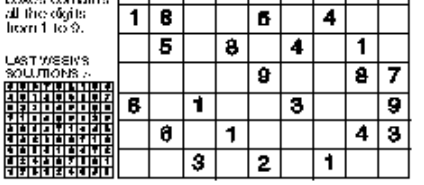
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS :-



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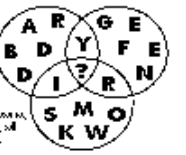
Circlegram

Replace the question marks with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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Funny Girl proved a sad final stage bow for Sheila

SHEILA Steafel, like most actresses of a certain age, has melted away from our TV screens, which is a shame because she was one of the most gifted comic character actresses of the 1960s and 70s.

Even in her autobiography When Harry Met Sheila (Apex, hardback, £12.99) she shares billing with her former husband of six years, the late Steptoe And Son actor Harry H Corbett. This is no great work of showiz history but Sheila is engagingly honest, both about her unhappy childhood in apartheid-era South Africa and her relationship with Harry H.

There are lots of anecdotes from the golden age of British TV in the 1960s when Sheila had roles in such pioneering shows as David Frost's Frost

Book

Over England in 1966 with John Cleese and Ronnies Barker and Corbett and in dramas ranging from Z Cars to The Prisoner. Those in their 40s may remember her as the White Lady in children's TV series The Ghosts of Motley Hall, though perhaps her finest TV moments were as Miss Popsy Wopsy, the aspiring music hall star of The Good Old Days.

She had character roles with the Royal Shakespeare Company and one-woman shows during the 1980s and 90s but seems to have blown her chances of returning to screens via the BBC with a few ill-timed diva strops.

Her last role on stage was as Mrs Brice in the 2008 Chichester Festival revival of the musical Funny Girl. She now regrets saying that if it was the last work she ever did it would have been worth it . . . she hasn't had a major acting job since. "I only wish that Whoever is Up There hadn't taken me quite so literally!"

The book features a warm-hearted introduction from Claire Rayner, written shortly before her death last year.

Leon Burakowski

Reviews

Showstopper! The Improvised Musical
Arena Theatre

LIVING on their wits, the Showstopper ensemble never perform the same show twice. This fast-thinking, highly-talented group create a musical on the spot from suggestions shouted by the audience.

This makes for a unique and exciting experience with the audience an integral part of the process.

It's like a Whose Line Is It Anyway sketch but massively expanded and given a West End flavour.

Showstopper recently made the transition to BBC Radio 4's 6.30 comedy slot on Wednesdays, and the Wolverhampton audience came prepared with ideas at this one-nighter on Friday.

Six actor/singers were accompanied by a keyboardist and, with only a few props, had to create magic from the combination of title, location, era and musical theatre styles. These were chosen by narrator, Sean McCann, from audience suggestions. He certainly put the actors through their paces with increasingly bizarre stage directions.

So, largely due to audience member Geoff, we saw the 90-minute musical An Afternoon On A Ship about a cruise ship sailing from Dudley Port to Bermuda, where love blossoms between sailor Trey (Oliver Senton) and Black Country housewife Louise (brilliant Pippa Evans) despite the presence of her cross-dressing husband Peter (Andrew Pugsley), one half of cabaret cruise act Foxfire. Throw into the mix a singing waxwork Chinaman and a kung fu fighting dog, and you see just how surreal it got. But the song styles remained spot on, with the Phantom of the Opera and Les Miserables pastiches being real showstoppers.

Leon Burakowski

Milton Jones, Wolverhampton Civic Hall

SHARP, quick-witted, erudite, haphazard, surreal, endearing. All these are true of comics' comic Milton Jones, who gave his audience a night to remember with his off-beat, unorthodox humour.

In fact, this was two Miltons for the price of one, with the first support act being his 'granddad', a delightful 15-minute ditty covering an alternative view of important moments in history set the standard, detailing such events as the world's first weather report and how Mozart actually met a grisly and untimely death.

Don't be fooled by the silly shirts or ridiculous hair; Jones is as clever as they come and handles audience banter with aplomb, seemingly armed with killer lines for every eventuality throw at him.

The influences of Tommy Cooper and Ronnie Barker are evident but this is a comedian who puts his own indelible mark on the comedy circuit, dishing out fast-paced one-liners better than anyone, usually laced with charming word play.

No joke is more than a few lines long and the subjects covered during an exuberant 80-minute set are too many to list, but not once does he reduce himself to swearing or toilet humour. As every good comedian does, he leaves the audience wanting more; at this rate we'll all be seeing a lot more of him.

Tim Spiers

It's a small venue return for Glasvegas

After a year of writing and recording Mercury-nominated Glasvegas are back with a new album and on tour and will be playing a gig at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms in March

GLASVEGAS are back. The Glaswegian band set the rock scene alight with their self-titled debut album in 2008, yielding hit single Daddy's Gone. They were nominated for the Mercury Music Prize the following year, when they spent months touring America and supporting the likes of Oasis and U2.

They seemed to fade from the scene last year but were actually busy writing and recording in California and New York, and are now set to return with their second album Euphoric Heartbreak and gigs including a concert at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms in Broad Street on Wednesday, March 23, a rare chance to see a band that's played stadia in a small venue.

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Gig joy for Duranies

IT'S the news all Duranies have been hoping for . . . the Birmingham 80s pop legends are going back on the road for their first tour in seven years – including a home city gig at the LG Arena on May 21.

The original line-up of Simon Le Bon, Nick Rhodes, John Taylor and Roger Taylor will perform to more than 150,000 fans in 11 arena concerts across the UK.

The shows will mark the band's first European performances in support of their critically acclaimed new album All You Need Is Now, produced by Mark Ronson, and the start of a world tour that will last well into 2012.

A nine track version of Duran Duran's latest studio record was released exclusively on iTunes in December and hit the top spot on download charts in 15 countries including the UK.

An expanded version of the new record will be released in late March, in both digital and physical formats.

Tickets for the LG Arena concert are priced from £30 to £55, available on 0844 338 8000.

Bryson's home visit full of facts

Audiobook

WRITER, broadcaster and historian Bill Bryson is good company, which makes his latest audiobook an experience like listening to an entertaining and informative friend.

The Anglophile American, who first moved to England in 1977, has written books on his travels and a hugely popular science book, A Short History of Nearly Everything.

But he turns his attention closer to home, indeed his own, in At Home: A Short History of Private Life (£14.99, Random House Audiobooks).

Moving from room to room and looking at everyday objects, he uncovers the extraordinary in the ordinary.

Each room or object is the starting point for an exploration of history and human ingenuity, the who-why-when-and-where of how the modern home came to be, which, naturally, also teaches us a lot about how people used to live in the past.

The surprises come thick and fast and will supply the listener with an endless store of did-you-know anecdotes.

The book, even in an abridged form, takes six hours for Bryson to read over five CDs. Thankfully, it remains consistently interesting and his warm midwestern tone is easy on the ear.

Less easy on the ear is the bogus Russian accent of Aleksandr Orlov, the 'author' who reads A Simples Life (£4.99, Random House Audiobooks), a spoof biography of the Muscovite Meerkats who feature in a popular series of television adverts. It's thin stuff even for an hour-long CD, a mildy amusing explanation of how the meerkats came from Africa to old Russia.

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SOMETIMES it takes a clever piece of technology or simply a particular engine to make you look at a car in a different light.

In the case of Fiat's 500, the Italian firm's Twinair two-cylinder petrol engine is a revelation.

Delivering low emissions and fuel consumption with the energy and character of its pioneering predecessor, the two-pot 500 is a joy to drive.

At the other end of the performance spectrum is the 500C Abarth. Fans of the 500 will instantly be familiar with the Abarth's go-faster connotations. In a nutshell, the tuning sub-brand offers affordable sporting thrills thanks to a range of well judged upgrades – not a million miles from Abarth's roots.

The Abarth has an 'edgy' character

The car has a semi-automatic gearbox

Fiat's 'pocket rocket' 500C Abarth has stylish, retro looks and is huge fun on the road

Concept

The 500 Abarth isn't an entirely new concept. You've been able to buy such a car for some time. What hasn't been possible until recently was to buy one in convertible form. As if a 140 horsepower 500 wasn't decadent enough, Fiat have cut the roof off.

Strictly speaking the 500C boasts a roll back roof, as the car retains the door frame structure of its tin-top relative. This fabric cover can be electrically wound back the car's full length, includes a heated glass screen and offers near-hatchback levels of refinement when in place.

Somehow, even though a hatchback Abarth exists, it's hard not to be charmed by the 500C model and its enhanced features. Certainly, with the roof down, it's easier to hear the car's feisty engine thanks in part to a pair of oversize exhaust pipes.

Those pipes join a modest but purposeful bodykit, chunky steering wheel, supportive sports seats, stylish alloy wheels and, crucially, retuned suspension settings. Ah yes, the main reason for buying the 500C Abarth is its performance potential. And while it won't worry the genuine hot hatchbacks occupying higher price points, the usable and accessible nature of this 500's performance is not to be sneezed at.

The 1.4-litre turbo petrol motor might produce "only" 140 horsepower, but in a car this size that's plenty. This rev-happy engine snarls its way along, emitting a buzzy, impatient sound that's highly addictive.

In an unusual move, the 500C Abarth comes with a semi-auto gearbox complete with steering wheel paddleshifters.

It's unusual for two reasons: Such technology isn't cheap, yet Fiat has managed to position the car competitively, plus this technology always divides opinion. Luddites will bemoan the lack of a clutch pedal – the 500's gearbox is essentially a manual 'box with the clutch action controlled electronically.

In practice, leaving the car in Auto mode does require the driver to second-guess shift points and feather the throttle accordingly. And, yes, that does take practice. However, stick the car in manual mode and you have full control over gearchanges. This is by far a more rewarding experience, and it doesn't take long before you're zipping up and down the gears with those deliciously weighted paddles.

Better still is the car's Sport mode, which adds more weight to the steering and sharpens the combined responses of the engine and gearbox.

Frankly, this can be left engaged all the time; far from turning the 500C into a temperamental trackday monster the sharper responses are welcome. Gearchanges feel crisper and there's an audible change in the 500's exhaust note, giving it a 'big car' sound.

Rewarding

In short, the car is a hoot to drive. The 500C Abarth growls and screams its way from gear to gear, corner to corner. For a small car with sports suspension its ride is supple, too.

On a basic level the 500C Abarth displays an edgy character that the regular, cute 500 lacks. Not everyone wants a bulging bodykit and a beefy exhaust, which is why so many regular 500s have found homes. But that 'edge' is precisely what the 500 needs to appeal to a section of the public seeking a fun, small car with talent.

It's easy for car makers to bolt on go-faster bits to create the illusion of enhanced performance. Fiat has done a thorough job with this 500C – something of which Abarth fans can be proud.

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Distinctive black paintwork and 19-inch forged alloy wheels emphasise the timeless exterior design of the Porsche 911 Carrera

The cabrio has an electric folding roof

IT'S BACK in black: The iconic Porsche 911 is to be available in just 1,911 examples worldwide.

It is painted in plain black as standard, with Basalt Black metallic available as an option.

The electric-folding hood of the Cabriolet model is trimmed in black cloth. Exterior highlights are provided by the 19-inch 911 Turbo II forged alloy wheels, the glossy metallic appearance of which perfectly complements the discreet elegance of these 911 models.

In addition, the wheel rims provide an unobstructed view of the brake discs which are naturally paired with black-finished, four-piston aluminium monobloc fixed callipers.

Lettering

Black lettering on the stainless steel door entry guards identifies each 'Black Edition', and provides a first hint of the high-quality interior design with its focus on pure sports car values.

Inside, the colour theme of the exterior continues with a black leather interior, and facing the driver is a thick-rimmed SportDesign steering wheel.

The instrument cluster naturally remains in black. On the glove compartment lid, a badge testifies to the limited production run of the 911 Black Edition.

By way of contrast, the decorative fascia strip, gear lever and air vents are finished in aluminium-look paint.

Together with the characteristic exhaust note of the flat-six 3.6-litre engine, a further acoustic highlight of the 911 Black Edition is the BOSE Surround Sound-System that is fitted as standard.

This was specially co-ordinated with the interior of the 911 Carrera and comprises 13 loudspeakers (12 in the Cabriolet) including an active subwoofer and central speaker as well as a seven channel digital amplifier.

Also standard on the Black Edition models is satellite navigation, and a universal audio interface in the central console storage compartment that enables an MP3 player to be connected to the audio.

Every 911 Black Edition also features rear ParkAssist, cruise control, automatic dimming anti-dazzle interior and exterior mirrors, and rain-sensing windscreen wipers.

The technology of the 911 Black Edition conforms to the Carrera standard. Under the rear lid is to be found the typical Carrera flat-six cylinder engine, producing 345hp at 6,500 rpm from 3,614cc.

Coupled with the six-speed gearbox, this output delivers a top speed of 180 mph in both body versions. At its maximum acceleration, the Coupé reaches 62 mph in 4.9 seconds, the Cabriolet in 5.1 seconds. Combined with such impressive performance figures are remarkably moderate running costs; the 911 Black Series Coupé, for example, returns 27.4mpg on the combined cycle.

The 911 Black Edition enjoys the same technical special equipment options that are offered for all Carrera models.

First and foremost is the Porsche-Doppelkupplungsgetriebe (PDK) double-clutch gearbox. A 911 Carrera with PDK turns in record performances thanks to the seven ratios and quick gear changes achieved with no interruption to the power flow. Fuel consumption is 29.4 mpg and 28.5 mpg for the closed and open-top 911 respectively.

Gearshift

With PDK, the Coupé accomplishes the sprint in only 4.7 seconds, the Cabrio in 4.9 seconds. Responsiveness can also be further enhanced by the optional Sport Chrono Plus package. It features the additional 'Launch Control' function with fast gearshifts, shaving a further 0.2 seconds off the acceleration times of vehicles equipped with PDK.

The sportiness and comfort of the 911 Black Edition can be enhanced further if so desired.

For example, the Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) and as an additional option for the Coupé, the PASM with sports chassis lowered by 20 mm and mechanical rear limited slip differential.

To further optimise braking performance, Porsche Ceramic Composite Brakes (PCCB) are also available at extra cost.

The 911 Black Edition goes on sale in April, priced from £67,270 for the Coupé and £74,958 for the Cabriolet – the same price as the standard 911 Carreras.

The black colour theme continues inside

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A three bedroom property in need of some modernisation. Property comprises in brief of lounge, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage, off road parking, double glazing and central heating

WANTED
Three/four bed detached in Perton upto 200k

Elmley Grove, Perton

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Offers over £140,000 REDUCED

Delightful, refurbished three bedroom semi benefiting from central heating, double glazing and new carpeting. Briefly comprising lounge/dining, kitchen, bathroom. Cul de sac location

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Four bedroom detached property with garage, comprising in brief lounge, dining kitchen, utility, downstairs wc, upstairs family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

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Two bedroom semi detached property situated on a corner plot, with parking to both the front and the rear. Having double glazed windows and gas radiator heating this is an ideal first purchase!

Queensway Drive, Bridgnorth

£275,000 REDUCED

A detached family home requiring some modernisation comprising of through lounge/dining room, conservatory, guest wc, four bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, off road parking, rear garden, double glazing and central heating

Stretton Gardens, Codsall

£199,000

A detached property with lounge/dining room, L shaped kitchen, conservatory, downstairs cloaks, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway and rear garden

Bowen-Cooke Avenue, Perton

£140,000

Set in a cul-de-sac on the outer parkway is this semi detached property, available with no upward chain and briefly comprises of lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, garage, gardens to the front and rear and central heating.

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Cornovian Close, Perton

£150,000

Semi detached property comprises lounge, extended dining room, extended kitchen, downstairs wc , three bedrooms, utility/bedroom four and bathroom

Gainsborough Drive, Perton

£185,000

A three bedroom detached house briefly comprising of entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen and bathroom. Front and rear gardens, garage, driveway and off road parking.

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Anson Close, Perton

£170,000

Three bedroom detached property comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen and family bathroom. Detached garage and rear garden. No upward chain

Spenser Avenue, Perton

£130,000

An end terrace property situated on Perton and has accommodation comprising of lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc, three bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens, double glazing and central heating.

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Turnpike Way, Coven

£195,000 REDUCED

A modern three bedroom detached property comprising of breakfast kitchen, lounge, conservatory, en suite shower to master room, bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage, all in superb presentational order.

Forton Close, Compton

£180,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Three bedroom detached property comprising lounge , dining room, kitchen and separate utility along with downstairs wc. The property requires modernising however provides someone with a great oppurtunity to reinvent this family home

Rochford Grove, Wolverhampton

£170,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

NO CHAIN!! Three bedroom extended detached property located within a cul-de-sac location, there are two reception rooms and extended kitchen.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We have received an offer of £152,000 on the above property. Anyone wishing to increase on this offer should contact Dixons Estate Agents on 01902 310000

Campion Drive, Featherstone

£155,000

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Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton

£150,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

A three bedroom detached property comprising two reception rooms, kitchen and ensuite to master bedroom. The rear garden offers space for further extensions to the property

St. Judes Road West, Wolverhampton

£150,000

Two bedroomed semi detached in a sought after location of Wolverhampton, comprising two reception rooms, kitchen, and dining room. The property further benefits from a large bathroom and pleasant rear garden.

Brookhouse Close, Featherstone

£130,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

A three bedroom terraced property comprising kitchen, lounge, double glazing, central heating, bathroom, good road links to the M6 & M54

Fowler Street, Wolverhampton

£125,000 REDUCED

Three bedroom Victorian semi detached property in excellent order thoughout!! Two receptions, refitted kitchen with utility area, excellent landscaped gardens to rear, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, host of original features.

Colman Avenue, Wolverhampton

£125,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Three bedroom extended traditional semi detached comprising two reception rooms kitchen, utility and bathroom. The property also has majority double glazed windows and own drive.

Prestwood Road, Wolverhampton

£70,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

NO CHAIN! A three bedroom terraced property with accommodation comprising in brief of two reception rooms, kitchen and downstairs bathroom.

Clematis Drive, Pendeford

£160,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

A three bedroom detached property comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs wc, bathroom, off road parking, rear garden and central heating and double glazing

Linton Road, Penn

£190,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Three bedroom semi detached property with a great sized third bedroom, two reception rooms, kitchen, own drive to garage and rear garden.

Deans Road, Wolverhampton

£142,500 NEW INSTRUCTION

New to the market last night, a property benefiting from having off road parking! For further information please call the branch on 01902 310000

Farmbrook Avenue, Wolverhampton

£160,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Detached three bedroom property with front and rear gardens, driveway to fore, garage, lounge, kitchen diner, bathroom and separate wc, central heating and double glazing.

Marchant Road, Compton

£150,000 REDUCED

A three bedroom Edwardian period semi detached property comprising two reception rooms, kitchen, family bathroom, mature gardens to rear and off road parking to front.

Calvin Close, Wolverhampton

£125,000

Semi Detached bungalow, NO CHAIN! two bedrooms, lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom, gardens front and rear, ample off road parking plus garage all in well maintained order.

Lytton Avenue, Penn

£168,000

Three bedroom extended semi detached comprising through lounge, extended breakfast kitchen, utility, downstairs shower room and family bathroom plus garage with block paved driveway to front.

Green Lane, Wolverhampton

£125,000

A three bedroom semi detached property in the sought after area of Claregate featuring an open plan lounge/diner, kitchen, lean to storage area with access to both front and rear. Off road parking to front with extensive gardens to the rear.

Granary Road, Wolverhampton

£80,000

Chain Free!! Three bedroom property with lounge, kitchen/diner with downstairs toilet and bathroom. The property has double glazed windows

Myatt Avenue, Wolverhampton

£83,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Two bedroom end terraced property with driveway to front and rear garden, the property comprises in brief of lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs wc and upstairs bathroom.

Carter Road, Wolverhampton

£80,000

Three bedroom terraced property with two reception rooms, kitchen and bathroom. The property has double glazing and central heating and with rear garden.

Warstones Drive, Wolverhampton

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Bilston — Hadley Road NEW

Extended traditional semi detached residence in a cul de sac location, which benefits from double glazing (where specified) and gas central heating. Quite convenient location and briefly comprising: Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Rom, Lounge, Extended Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Shower/Wet Room, Front & Rear Gardens, Shared Driveway and Timber Garage/Store.
OFFERS AROUND: £114,995
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Bilston — Cumberland Road NEW

A 3 bedroom detached residence, located on an ever popular estate which benefits from upvc double glazing, gas central heating and No Upward Chain. Briefly Comprising: Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens + Driveway
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Bilston — Shale Street REDUCED

Well presented and terrace residence which benefits from upvc double glazing and gas central heating, spacious family accommodation & briefly comprising: Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, W.C. Ground Floor Bathroom, 3 Bedrooms, Rear Garden and Detached Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £83,000
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Bilston — Salop Street

Spacious duplex flat/apartment laid out over two floors, having upvc double glazing & no upward chain. Briefly comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, and Separate W.C. & Communal Area.
OFFERS AROUND: £39,950
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Bilston — Cherrywood Green, Stow Lawn

Modern middle terrace which benefits from double glazing + gas central heating & briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Allocated Parking Space and Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN.
£74,950
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Bilston — Wallace Road, Bradley

A deceptively spacious semi detached residence which benefits from upvc double glazing & gas central heating. Situated on a corner plot this property briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Through Lounge / Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room & WC, 4 Bedrooms, Shower Room, Driveway to Front & Side & Rear Garden.
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Crowesbridge Mews

NOTICE OF OFFER

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Bilston — Bickley Road

Semi Detached residence which benefits from Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing & Offering No Upward Chain, and Briefly Comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens + Side Driveway.
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Bilston — Hadley Road

Cash offers only - Spacious two bedroomed detached bungalow with gas central heating and double glazing. Accommodation comprises porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, utility, two double bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, gardens front, sides and rear
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Bilston — Oliver Crescent, Bradley

Spacious four bedroomed semi detached house having gas central heating and double glazing. This family accommodation comprises reception hall, through lounge/dining room, extended kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom, gardens front and rear, block paved driveway offering parking for several cars
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Bilston — Church Green, Stowlawn

Immaculate modern two bedroomed mid terraced house, ideal for first time buyers. This much improved accommodation has gas central heating & double glazing, comprising of reception hall, guest cloakroom/wc, lounge, kitchen, two double bedrooms, refitted bathroom/wc, enclosed rear garden with decked area. Viewing essential
OFFERS AROUND: £110,000
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Bilston — Haddock Road

Spacious three bedroomed semi detached house with gas central heating & double glazing. Accommodation comprises reception hall, lounge, dining kitchen, rear lobby with guest wc, 3 beds, shower room, ample off road parking, fabulous rear garden. Must be viewed.
OFFERS AROUND: £116,950
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Wolverhampton — Lilac Road

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Wolverhampton — Norbury Road, Fallings Park

A recently refurbished 2 bedroom semi detached home, located on a corner plot. The property benefits gas central heating and double glazing and has accommodation to comprise, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking. All with no upward chain!
OFFERS AROUND: £107,995
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Bilston — Alice Street

Much improved and immaculately presented three bedroomed mid terraced property. In central location convenient for Bilston town centre, metro and bus routes and having gas central heating and double glazing, accommodation comprises reception hall, lounge, refitted kitchen, conservatory, guest WC, three bedrooms, bathroom, offroad parking to front, enclosed rear garden.
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Bilston — Lansdowne Road

A well presented 3 bed deatched property which is located within this sought after location benefiting from gas central heating & double glazing throughout. The property would make an ideal family home & briefly comprises; reception hall, lounge, dining room, upvc conservatory, fitted kitchen, breakfast room, guest wc, garage, 3 beds, bathroom/wc, enclosed rear garden & off road parking for upto 2 cars.
OFFERS AROUND: £189,995
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Bilston — Edinburgh Road, Bradley

Extended three bedroomed semi detached house with gas central heating & double glazing. Spacious accommodation comprising porch, reception hall, through lounge, inner hall, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, 3 beds, bathroom/wc, off road parking to the front & enclosed rear garden.
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Bilston — Broad Street

A deceptively spacious mid terrace with gas central heating & double glazing. Accommodation comprises entrance vestibule, reception hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden & rear access to single garage.
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Willenhall — Dilloways Lane

Three bedroom semi with gas central heating & double glazing. Convenient for Bilston & Willenhall, accommodation comprises porch, reception hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, rear porch, 3 beds, bathroom/wc, front & rear gardens, single garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £101,000
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Bilston — Grafton Place

Well presented three bedroomed detached property in quiet cul de sac in popular residential area. With gas central heating & double glazing, accommodation comprises porch, reception hall, lounge, lounge/dining room, conservatory, kitchen, side verandah/utility, shower room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, front & rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £199,950
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Bilston — Alexandra Place

Good sized traditional 5 bedroom detached situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location, having the benefit of gas central heating & part double glazing. This attractive property comprises, reception hall, dining room, lounge, guest wc, fitted breakfast kitchen, 5 bedrooms, ensuite shower room, bathroom/wc, integral garage, off road parking & well maintained rear garden
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Herringshaw Gardens, Bilston — Loxdale Sidings

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OFFERS AROUND: £77,500
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Wolverhampton — Myrtle Street, Parkfields

Much improved and well presented three bedroomed semi detached house. Having the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing, accommodation comprises side entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, side lobby, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens front and rear, detached garage. NO UPWARD CHAIN.
OFFERS AROUND: £103,999
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Bilston — Cadgwith Gardens, Bridgefields

A modern 3 bedroom semi benefitting from gas central heating & double glazing throughout. The property would make a great first time purchase & is located in a quiet cul-de-sac location. Briefly comprises; reception hall, guest wc, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 beds, bathroom/wc, enclosed rear garden, off road parking & garage.
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A two bedroom semi detached property of modern style occupying a corner plot with d/glazing & storage heating. Neutrally decorated the property comprises lounge, Fitted kitchen. Shower room & 2 good sized bedrooms. Ample off road parking on driveway & small rear garden. Available December.
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3 bed mid terrace with D/G, C/H, modern kitchen and bathroom with shower, close to Willenhall & Wednesfield centre's and the M6 motorway, neutral decor and carpets/laminate flooring throughout. Viewing recommended. Available NOW! Unfurnished.
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PENN WARSTONES DRIVE — £269,995

SHOWHOME STYLE

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PENN WINDSOR AVENUE — £249,950

EXTENDED

An impressive extended and remodernised traditional three bedroom semi detached house comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, breakfast room, modern kitchen, three bedrooms, modern bathroom. This property also benefits from having a block paved driveway, good size rear garden.

PENN THE FOLD

WAS £199,950 NOW £189,950

OFF WAKELEY HILL

"A REMODERNISED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE/BUNGALOW PROVIDING FLEXIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION " Comprising lounge, g/f wc, refitted kitchen with adjoining diner, three bedrooms bedrooms (one ground floor/study) refitted bathroom, front and rear gardens with garage. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

WOMBOURNE CALVIN CLOSE — £189,950

WOMBOURNE

"A REMODERNISED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE WHICH MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE THE SIZE & CONDITION" Comprising entrance hall, open plan lounge/diner, extended modern kitchen, three bedrooms, modern shower room, concrete print driveway leading to garage, good size front & rear garden.

PENN ALEXANDRA ROAD

WAS £169,950 NOW £160,000

DETACHED

A traditional three bedroom detached house briefly comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, open plan lounge/dining room, extended kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having off road parking and a good size rear garden.

PENN BIRCHWOOD ROAD — £149,950

BASEMENT ROOMS

" A TRADITIONAL TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE WITH BASEMENT ROOMS " Comprising hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc, three basement rooms, front garden with off road parking leading to garage, rear garden. Viewing is advised to appreciate the size.

CASTLECROFT POOLHALL CRESCENT — £145,000

3 BEDROOMS

A three bedroom mid terrace house briefly comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three good size bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having off road parking to front, good size rear garden and is offered with no ongoing chain.

BRADMORE BIRCHES BARN ROAD — £139,995

REMODERNISED

" CURRENTLY BEING REFURBISHED " A TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN A POPULAR AND SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION comprising lounge, separate dining room/sitting room, cellar with three areas, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, front garden providing off road parking, good size rear garden.

FORDHOUSES THE HOLMES — £139,995

3/4 BEDROOMS

" AN EXTENDED THREE/FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION " Comprising porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, modern kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, fourth bedroom is situated on ground floor, a large off road parking area leading to garage, good size rear garden.

PENN WARSTONES CRESCENT — £169,500

DETACHED BUNGALOW

A two bedroom detached bungalow with two reception rooms, situated in a cul-de-sac location comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, study, two double bedrooms and bathroom. This property also benefits from having front garden with off road parking, good size rear garden.

TETTENHALL ALDERSLEY ROAD — £135,000

CHAIN FREE

A three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen breakfast room, three bedrooms and a modern fitted family bathroom. This property also benefits from having a block paved driveway to front, rear garden and is offered with no ongoing chain.

PENDEFORD HOLBURY CLOSE — £125,000

4 BEDROOMS

A four bedroom semi-detached house briefly comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, four bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having off road parking, front and rear gardens and is situated in a cul-de-sac location.

BRADMORE WELLINGTON AVENUE — £124,950

BREAKFAST KITCHEN

A traditional two bedroom semi detached with off road parking briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having off road parking to side, enclosed rear garden and no ongoing chain.

BRADMORE WELLINGTON AVENUE — £122,000

CHAIN FREE

A DELIGHTFUL TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, modern fitted kitchen/dining room, two double bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from being in a cul-de-sac location, having a rear garden and is offered with no ongoing chain.

OXLEY OXLEY MOOR ROAD

WAS £134,950 NOW £124,950

EXTENDED 3 BED

An extended traditional three bedroom semi detached house comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having a front garden with driveway, secure parking behind double gates leading to garage & a good size rear garden

BILSTON REDWOOD ROAD — £124,000

3 BED ● CONSERVATORY

A three bedroom semi detached house comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen breakfast room, conservatory, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having off road parking to front and gardens to side and rear and is situated in a cul-de-sac location.

PARKFIELDS TAYLOR ROAD — £115,950

3 BEDS ● CHAIN FREE

A three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, modern fitted kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having front and rear gardens and is offered with no ongoing chain.

WARSTONES RINDLEFORD AVENUE — £115,000

CUL-DE-SAC ● 3 BEDS

A three bedroom mid terrace house briefly comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having front and rear gardens and is situated at the foot of a cul-de-sac.

BILSTON GREEN LANES — £105,000

CHAIN FREE

" A TRADITIONAL TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE " Briefly comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, two double bedrooms and a rear garden. This property is also offers with no ongoing chain.

OXLEY BEECH CROFT PLACE — £95,000

3/4 BEDROOMS

"AN EXTENDED THREE/FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE " Comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen breakfast room, rear hall, gf wet room, further bathroom, one ground floor bedroom, three further bedrooms. This property also benefits from having a good size rear garden and off road parking to front.

FORDHOUSES ST ANNES ROAD — £89,950

VIEWING ADVISED

A two bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and a modern fitted family bathroom. This property also benefits from having front and rear gardens and is in good decorative order

BILSTON BICKLEY ROAD — £87,000

VIEWING ADVISED

" A TWO BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE " Briefly comprising lounge, kitchen, two double bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having a parking space front and a rear garden.

OFF BOWKER STREET DEANS GATE — £85,000

50/50 SHARE ● 4 BEDROOMS

" A MODERN 50/50 SHARED OWNERSHIP SEMI DETACHED HOME SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION " Comprising ground floor wc, lounge, large open plan kitchen/diner, FOUR BEDROOMS (one ground floor), en-suite, further family bathroom, front and rear garden.

OFF WILLENHALL ROAD DEANS GATE — £75,000

50/50 SHARE

MODERN SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION " Comprising ground floor wc, lounge, fitted dining kitchen, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, front of road parking, good size private rear garden.

WILLENHALL TAMESIDE CLOSE — £73,750

50/50 SHARE

" A 50/50 SHARED OWNERSHIP MODERN THREE STOREY MID TOWN HOUSE SITUATED " Comprising g/f wc, open plan lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, three generous bedrooms, nursery/dressing area, master en-suite, bathroom, front and pleasant rear gardens with garage to side. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

BILSTON ALBANY CRESCENT — £84,950

CHAIN FREE

" CHAIN FREE " A two bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, two good size bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having front and rear gardens.

NEWBRIDGE CRESCENT THE LINDENS — from £81,000

3 AVAILABLE

Situated on the second floor, this two bedroom apartment has front views of The Lindens development and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, two double bedrooms, bathroom, garage to rear, CARPETS INCLUDED.

HORSELEY FIELDS ALBION STREET — from £79,950

3 AVAILABLE ● 1 OR 2

" CHAIN FREE "
A modern purpose built one bedroom first floor apartment comprising communal entrance hall with entry phone system, private entrance, modern styled open plan kitchen living room with Juliet balcony, bedroom, modern bathroom, located parking space, viewing advised. 5% gifted deposit on 20 Albion Street £94,950.

WANTED
PROPERTIES IN
PENN & FINCHFIELD
POTENTIAL BUYERS WAITING

BUSHBURY BUSHBURY LANE — £79,950

INVESTORS

" CHAIN FREE " A traditional three bedroom end of terrace house briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a ground floor bathroom. This property also benefits from having off road parking to front and a good size rear garden.

PENNFIELDS CARDIFF STREET — £77,500

INVESTORS

A traditional two bedroom mid terrace house briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having a rear garden and is offered with no ongoing chain.

WANTED
PROPERTIES IN
CASTLECROFT & TETTENHALL
POTENTIAL BUYERS WAITING

WOLVERHAMPTON BRONTE ROAD — £69,950

3 BEDS ● NO CHAIN

" CHAIN FREE " A three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

PENNFIELDS BAMFORD ROAD — £75,000

INVESTORS

A traditional two bedroom mid terrace house briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. This property also benefits from having a rear garden and is offered with no ongoing chain.

OXLEY LOGAN CLOSE — £74,950

INVESTORS

" CHAIN FREE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY " A one bedroom semi detached gallery bungalow briefly comprising lounge, kitchen, modern fitted bathroom, bedroom area overlooking living accommodation, off road parking space and a private rear garden.

PENNFIELDS MARTIN STREET — £69,950

INVESTORS

" A TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE " Briefly comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor wet room, three bedrooms and a rear garden. This property is available with no ongoing chain and is in need of some modernisation/redecoration.

PARK VILLAGE POWELL STREET — £64,950

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MERRY HILL LEASOWES DRIVE — £55.000

2 BEDROOMS

CHAIN FREE TWO BEDROOM PURPOSE BUILT APARTMENT " Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. This property also benefits from having communal parking to front and is offered with no ongoing chain.

OFF DUNSTALL ROAD GLENTWORTH GARDENS — £42,950

INVESTORS

"CHAIN FREE" A one bedroom ground floor purpose built apartment briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. This property also benefits from having an entry phone system.

EASTFIELD ASHBOURNE ROAD — £59,995

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Mortgagees in possession are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £52,500 for 18 Ashbourne Road, Eastfield, WV1 2RX. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Connells Estate Agents, 81-83 Darlington Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 4EX. Tel 01902 710170 before exchange of contracts or within the next 7 days which ever is sooner.

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SHARESHILL SPIRES CROFT — £349,950

VILLAGE LOCATION

SET IN THE SOUGHT AFTER VILLAGE OF SHARESHILL POPULAR FOR COMMUTERS, A MODERN FAMILY DETACHED HOME SET WITHIN AN EXCLUSIVE CUL-DE-SAC comprising wc, lounge, dining room, study, breakfast kitchen, utility, conservatory, gallery landing, four bedrooms, master en-suite, refitted bathroom, double garage

COVEN BIRCHCROFT — £260,000

4 BEDROOMS ● EN-SUITE

SITUATED OFF BREWOOD ROAD A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION comprising ground floor wc, THREE RECEPTION ROOMS including lounge, dining room, fitted breakfast kitchen, FOUR BEDROOMS, master en-suite, family bathroom, front and pleasant rear garden, garage to side

WESTCROFT WOOD HAYES ROAD

WAS £250,000 **NOW £240,000**

CORNER BUNGALOW

SITUATED ON THE CORNER OF CANNOCK ROAD & WOOD HAYES ROAD A MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW comprising ground floor wc, generous lounge, fitted kitchen with separate utility, feature conservatory, two bedrooms, fitted bathroom, ample off road parking, front, side and rear gardens with detached garage.

OFF LINTHOUSE LANE, ARGIL CLOSE — £229,950

4/5 BEDROOMS

A LARGE EXTENDED DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED ON A CORNER PLOT WITHIN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION comprising gf wc, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility, feature conservatory, FOUR/FIVE BEDROOMS PLUS DRESSING ROOM (Bed 5 office/family room) en-suite, bathroom, front, side & rear gardens, garage.

ESSINGTON WALDALE CLOSE — £220,000

4 BEDS ● ESSINGTON

* SITUATED IN A POPULAR AND SOUGHT AFTER CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION, VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THIS DETACHED PROPERTY ON OFFER * Comprising g/f wc, lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, separate games room, FOUR BEDROOMS, fitted bathroom, front & rear gardens, garage to side.

WEDNESFIELD PRESTWOOD ROAD WEST

WAS £215,000 **NOW £205,000**

DETACHED ● UTILITY

A REMODERNISED PROPERTY REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE comprising feature reception, g/f wc, lounge, dining room, study area, kitchen, utility area with various usage options, workshop/office potential, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with separate shower cubicle, ample off road parking.

FEATHERSTONE ROCKROSE GARDENS — £205,000

4 BEDS ● CUL-DE-SAC ● EN-SUITE

CHAIN FREE, SITUATED IN A POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A MODERN STYLE DETACHED HOME comprising gf wc, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility, conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS, loft area, master en-suite, bathroom, pleasant front & low maintenance rear garden, garage.

WESTCROFT CANNOCK ROAD

WAS £215,000 **NOW £205,000**

FIELD VIEWS

OVERLOOKING FARMLAND FIELDS TO REAR & SITUATED IN A SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION THIS SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY REQUIRES VIEWING TO APPRECIATE comprising gf wc, lounge, dining/sitting room, fitted kitchen, utility, large conservatory, three/four bedroom, bathroom, generous frontage, rear garden, garage.

WEDNESFIELD ROSALIND GROVE

WAS £205,000 **NOW £199,995**

4 BEDS ● EN-SUITE

SITUATED ON A POPULAR CUL DE SAC LOCATION A LARGE FAMILY DETACHED HOME comprising ground floor w.c., lounge, separate dining room, kitchen/diner, utility, conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS, dressing area & master en-suite, separate family bathroom, front, side and rear gardens, detached garage to side

SHARESHILL SCHOOL LANE — £195,000

SOUGHT AFTER VILLAGE LOCATION

SET IN THE SEMI RURAL VILLAGE LOCATION OF SHARESHILL A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY comprising lounge, adjoining dining room, fitted kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, ample off road parking, pleasant rear garden, garage to side.

OFF LICHFIELD ROAD MOATHOUSE LANE EAST — £189,995

DETACHED BUNGALOW

* A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE REMODERNISED & SHOWHOME STYLED DETACHED BUNGALOW * Comprising lounge with adjoining study area, refitted kitchen, separate dining/various usage room, conservatory, two/three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, front garden with off road parking, garage, GENEROUS LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN.

WILLENHALL BARMOUTH ROAD — £189,995

NEW

CANALSIDE DETACHED

* A CANAL SIDE REMODERNISED DETACHED HOME IN CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION WITH ★MOORING RIGHTS * Comprising open plan lounge, dining room/games room, refitted kitchen, feature conservatory, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, large front and rear garden with canal side detached office/hobby room.

COVEN OAKSHAW CLOSE — £179,995

CORNER PLOT ● EXTENDED ● GARAGE

SITUATED ON A GENEROUS CORNER PLOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE AN EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY comprising gf wc, lounge, dining room, study/conservatory, large kitchen, separate utility, three bedrooms, walk-in wardrobe, feature refitted bathroom, front, side and rear gardens, detached garage.

COVEN BROOK CLOSE — £169,995

EXTENDED

SITUATED IN A POPULAR AND SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE AN EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY comprising open plan lounge/diner, feature refitted kitchen/diner, three generous bedrooms, refitted bathroom, front and pleasant rear garden with garage to side. VIEWING ADVISED.

WEDNESFIELD WYMERING AVENUE — £179,995

NEW

5 BEDROOMS

A SHOWHOME CONDITION EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED IN CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION comprising open plan lounge, feature open plan breakfast kitchen, separate dining room, ground floor wc, FIVE BEDROOMS, feature refitted bathroom, pleasant front and rear gardens, garage to side. VIEWING HIGHLY ADVISED.

WEDNESFIELD CLANFIELD AVENUE — £155,000

NEW

4 BEDS ● EN-SUITE

* A SHOW HOME CONDITION SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY * Comprising lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS (master bedroom attic conversion with fitted wc), further family bathroom, block paved off-road parking, rear garden, open back garage.

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MOSELEY PARKLANDS BRENTMILL CLOSE — £179,995

NEW

LARGE CONSERVATORY

* A MODERN STYLED DETACHED BUNGALOW SITUATED ON A GENEROUS CORNER PLOT WITHIN A POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION * Comprising lounge adjoining dining room, fitted kitchen, LARGE FEATURE CONSERVATORY, two bedrooms, bathroom, garage to rear, gated off road parking, pleasant front, side & rear gardens.

SHARESHILL SAREDON ROAD

WAS £179,950 **NOW £170,000**

VILLAGE LOCATION

A SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED IN A SOUGHT AFTER VILLAGE LOCATION WITH FARMLAND VIEWS TO FRONT AND REAR comprising open plan lounge/entrance, separate extended dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, concrete printed off road parking, rear garden, garage.

COVEN OAKSHAW CLOSE — £150,000

NEW

LARGE KITCHEN

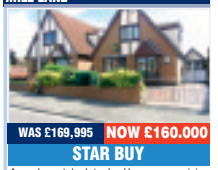
* MUST BE SOLD. VIEWING IS RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THIS SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED IN A POPULAR LOCATION * Comprising gf wc, lounge with adjoining dining area, generous breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, front garden with off road parking, pleasant rear garden, garage.

NR YALE ESTATE, WEDNESFIELD, ELLARDS DRIVE — £164,995

SHOW HOME STYLE ● CONSERVATORY

A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE SHOWHOME STYLE DETACHED HOME comprising of wc, lounge, side store area, conservatory, three bedrooms, feature refitted bathroom with bath and separate shower cubicle, front and rear gardens with off road parking, garage to side.

WILLENHALL MILL LANE



WAS £169,995 **NOW £160.000**

STAR BUY

A modern style detached home comprising ground floor wc, lounge, dining room, feature conservatory, generous fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, front and rear gardens, DETACHED BUILDING TO REAR WITH UTILITY AREA & STORAGE AREA (various usage options).

WEDNESFIELD MILL LANE

WAS £165,000 **NOW £159,995**

CORNER PLOT ● DET GARAGE

* CORNER PLOT LOCATION WITH DETACHED GARAGE TO REAR * A semi detached property comprising lounge, adjoining dining/sitting room, study/games room, kitchen with adjoining utility, feature conservatory, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, front, side & rear garden, EXTENSION POSSIBILITIES (STPP).

WEDNESFIELD STUBBY LANE — £159,995

DETACHED

* A DETACHED EXTENDED HOME (EXTENSION INCOMPLETE) * Comprising lounge, dining room/sitting room, extended study, kitchen & further extended kitchen area, extended utility area, extended shower room area, utility/hobby room, three bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens.

WEDNESFIELD BROAD LANE SOUTH — £155,000

SHOWHOME STYLE

A SHOWHOME STYLE EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY WHICH REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE comprising: Lounge/sitting area, dining room, feature fitted open plan kitchen/diner, feature conservatory, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, ample off road parking, pleasant rear garden with decked area.

SHORT HEATH BIRCH TREE HOLLOW

WAS £159,995 **NOW £154,995**

4/5 BEDROOMS

VIEWING HIGHLY ADVISED. AN EXTENDED FOUR/FIVE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY comprising ground floor wc, lounge, large dining area, fitted kitchen, utility room, sitting room/study, four/five bedrooms, fitted bathroom, store area, front and rear gardens.

WEDNESFIELD WILLOW AVENUE — £149,995

DETACHED HOME

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A TRADITIONAL DETACHED HOME comprising: Lounge, open plan kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, ample block paved parking to front, pleasant rear garden. VIEWING RECOMMENDED

WEDNESFIELD SPONDON ROAD

WAS £159,995 **NOW £149,995**

3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS

CHAIN FREE TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED IN A POPULAR LOCATION comprising lounge, extended dining room/sitting room, generous size kitchen/diner, three double bedrooms, good size bathroom, front and rear garden with off road parking, some updating required.

WANTED PROPERTIES IN WEDNESFIELD & FEATHERSTONE POTENTIAL BUYERS WAITING

WEDNESFIELD DEYNCOURT ROAD — £145,000

OPEN PLAN KITCHEN/DINER

INTERNAL INSPECTION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THE INTERNAL CONDITION OF THIS TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY, SITUATED IN A POPULAR LOCATION comprising lounge, open plan dining room with adjoining kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, front garden with off road parking, rear garden.

WEDNESFIELD LINTHOUSE LANE — £140,000

FIELD VIEWS

* CHAIN FREE * A POPULAR DESIGNED TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED IN A SLIP ROAD LOCATION WITH FIELD VIEWS TO FRONT comprising g/f wc, lounge, dining/sitting room, kitchen, three generous bedrooms, large bathroom, front and pleasant rear garden with off road parking, garage to side.

WANTED PROPERTIES IN COVEN & SHARESHILL POTENTIAL BUYERS WAITING

FEATHERSTONE BANEBERRY DRIVE

WAS £145,000 **NOW £139,995**

4 BED OPPORTUNITY

Situated on a popular and modern development an extended semi-detached property comprising large through lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom with jacuzzi bath, ample off road parking with front garden, pleasant rear garden, garage to side. Fourth bedroom conversion opportunity STPP.

WEDNESFIELD FAIRVIEW CRESCENT

WAS £139,995 **NOW £135,000**

CORNER PLOT

A corner plot traditional semi-detached property situated between Mill Lane and Deyncourt Road comprising lounge, open plan kitchen/diner, ground floor office/utility area, three double bedrooms, fitted bathroom, front, side and rear gardens.

BUSHBURY BITTEL CLOSE — £127,000

3 BEDROOMS

A three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, first floor family bathroom. This property also benefits from having a concrete print driveway leading to garage, rear garden. Offered with no ongoing chain.

WEDNESFIELD SUNDOUR CRESCENT — £125,000

FIELDS TO REAR

SITUATED IN A POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION WITH FIELD VIEWS TO REAR an opportunity to purchase a traditional semi-detached property comprising lounge, sitting/dining room, refitted kitchen, three bedrooms, feature refitted bathroom, wooden workshop to rear, gravelled off road parking, rear garden.

WEDNESFIELD WODEN AVENUE — £119,995

NEW

ENSUITE ● 3 BEDS

* A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE FAMILY HOME WHICH REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE * Comprising lounge, feature open plan breakfast kitchen with adjoining utility, generous size conservatory, THREE BEDROOMS, two refitted shower rooms (one master en-suite), pleasant rear garden, ample off road parking.

FEATHERSTONE OAKS DRIVE — £115,000

NEW

LARGE DETACHED GARAGE

* A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED ON A CORNER PLOT * Comprising ground floor wc, generous lounge, generous kitchen/diner, feature conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, front, side and rear garden with playing field views and large detached garage to rear with parking space.

WEDNESFIELD DAVENPORT ROAD — £100,000

NEW

LARGE KITCHEN

* A CHAIN FREE HIGHLY DECEPTIVE FAMILY HOME REQUIRING VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATED * Comprising entrance hall, generous lounge, LARGE FEATURE FITTED KITCHEN WITH ADJOINING DINING AREA, large fitted bathroom with bath and separate shower cubicle, front and pleasant rear gardens.

UNDERHILL WATERHEAD DRIVE — £100,000

STAR BUY

PRICED TO SELL

* PREVIOUSLY MARKETED AT £120,000 NOW £100,000 * SET IN A POPULAR RESIDENTIAL LOCATION BACKING ON TO FARMLAND FIELDS an opportunity to purchase a semi detached property comprising gf wc, lounge/diner, kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, front garden with off road parking, rear garden.

ASHMORE PARK, REYNOLDS WALK — £95,000

NEW

3 BEDS ● GARAGE

* CHAIN FREE * A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE FAMILY HOME SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION WITH GREEN VIEWS TO FRONT comprising entrance hall, rear entrance, generous lounge, good size dining kitchen, conservatory/sun room, g/f wc, THREE BEDROOMS, fitted bathroom, pleasant front & rear garden, DETACHED GARAGE

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SILVERTON WAY

• Detached Property • Entrance Hall, Cloakroom/w.c. • Lounge, Dining Room • Kitchen, Utility • Conservatory • Master Bedroom • En-Suite Shower Room, Two Further Bedrooms, Bathroom • Gardens to Front and Rear • Driveway and Double Garage • Double Glazing Central Heating System

£200,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

FIBBERSLEY

•Five Bedroom Semi Detached •Three Reception Rooms •Driveway With Garage •Green Views To Rear •Downstairs WC •No Upward Chain

£190,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WILLENHALL

NEW

FIBBERSLEY

• A Superb Extended Detached • Three/Four Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Large Modern Kitchen/Dining Room • Master Bedroom With Dressing Area & En-Suite Shower• Detached Garage • Must Be Viewed To Fully Appreciate Size & Condition

£245,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆ 01902 305665

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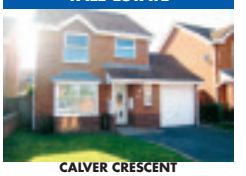

CALVER CRESCENT

•Modern Three Bedroom Detached •Two Reception rooms •Kitchen With Utility Room •Master Bedroom With En-Suite Shower •Garage

£172,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WILLENHALL

MARSHALL ROAD

•Immaculate & Spacious •Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow •Fitted Kitchen With Utility And Laundry Room •Two Reception Rooms •Large Conservatory •Good Sized Rear Garden

£170,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

FALLINGS PARK

NEWBOLDS ROAD

• Extended Detached House

• Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating System • Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall • Sitting Room, Lounge, • Dining Room and Breakfast Kitchen • Three Bedrooms and Bathroom/wc • Gardens to Front and Rear, Driveway and Garage

£168,500 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

BEALEYS AVENUE

•Four Bedroom Semi Detached •Three Reception Rooms •Downstairs WC & Upstairs Bathroom •Good Sized Rear Garden •Off Street Parking

£159,950 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

NEW

OXTED CLOSE

•Modern Extended Bungalow •Three Bedroom Detached •Master With En-Suite •Fitted Kitchen With Utility •Off Street Parking & Garage •Cul-De-Sac Location

£245,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆ 01902 305665

THE OAKLANDS

NEW

CLANFIELD AVENUE

•Four Bedroom Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms Plus Conservatory •Master Bedroom With En-Suite WC •Off Street Parking & Car Port •Immaculately Presented

£155,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

ELLARDS DRIVE

•Modern Detached •Three Bedrooms •Open Plan Kitchen/Dining Room •Conservatory •Garage •No Upward Chain •Incentives Available

£147,995 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

LYNDALE PARK

KERSLEY GARDENS

•Much Improved & Well Presented •Two Bedroom Semi Deached Bungalow •Re-Fitted Kitchen And Bathroom •Cul-De-Sac Location •Driveway, Car Port And Garage

£145,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

BEALEYS AVENUE

•Recently Renovated To A High Standard •Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Kitchen With Utility Area •Fully Re-Carpeted •No Upward Chain

£125,000 OIRO WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

BENTLEY BRIDGE

NEW

BARBEL DRIVE

•Modern Two Bedroom Semi Detached •Downstairs WC & Upstairs Bathroom •Master Bedroom With En-Suite Shower •Off Street Parking To Rear •No Upward Chain •Ideal FTB Purchase

£125,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

ASHMORE PARK

NEW

BRINDLEY AVENUE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Downstairs WC & Upstairs Bathroom •Tandem Length Garage •Kitchen With Further Utility Area •Off Street Parking

£125,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

ASHMORE PARK

SIMMONS ROAD

• Immaculate Semi Detached • Three Bedrooms • Boarded Loft with Window and Spotlights • Lounge • Open-Plan Dining Kitchen • Utility • Driveway • Garden with Garage to Rear • Double Glazing as stated • Gas Central Heating System

£124,950 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

NEW

BEALEYS AVENUE

•Improved Mid Terraced •Re-Fitted Bathroom • Re-Fitted Cloakroom/WC •Generous Sized Property •Off Street Parking •Garage In Seperate Block

£117,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

OLINTHUS AVENUE

• Good Sized Corner Plot • Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Bathroom & Separate W/c • Two Reception Rooms • Double Glazed • Gas Central Heating System • Off Street Parking • Front, Side & Rear Gardens

£110,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

ASHMORE PARK

PARRY ROAD

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Kitchen With Utility Room/Sun Room •Front & Rear Gardens •Off Street Parking With Garage •No Upward Chain

£110,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

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LEWIS AVENUE

• End Terraced Property • Entrance Hall, Lounge • Dining Kitchen • Three Bedrooms • Bathroom and Separate Shower Area • Gardens to Front and Rear • Driveway • Double Glazing as stated • Gas Central Heating System

£109,950 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WOLVERHAMPTON

POPE ROAD

• Semi Detached Property • Entrance hall, Lounge and Kitchen/Dining Room • Three Bedrooms and Bathroom • Gardens to Front, Side and Rear • Off Road Parking • Double Glazing as stated • Gas Central Heating System

£102,500 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WOLVERHAMPTON

FRIESLAND DRIVE

• Sought After location, Bungalow • In Need Of Some Modernisation • Two Bedroom Semi Detached • Block Paved Driveway, Single Garage • Available With No Upward Chain

£100,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

ASHMORE PARK

RYAN AVENUE

•Spacious Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Re-Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room • Ample Off Street Parking •Available with No Upward Chain

£100,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

MATTOX ROAD

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Lounge & Separate Dining Room •Off Street Parking •Needs Some Improvements •Available With No Upward Chain

£100,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

ASHMORE PARK

GORSE ROAD

• Double Fronted Semi Detached • Entrance Hall, Lounge • Dining Kitchen and Rear Hall • Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate w.c • Driveway • Rear Garden • Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating System

£97,500 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

PRESTWOOD ROAD

• Semi Detached Property • Lounge • Kitchen • Utility Room • Two Bedrooms • Bathroom • Gardens to Front and Rear • Driveway • Double Glazing as stated • Gas Central Heating System

£92,950 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

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NEW

DAVENPORT ROAD

•Two Bedroom Duplex Flat •Good Sized Accommodation •Fitted Kitchen With Appliances •Rear Garden •No Upward Chain

£90,000 OIRO WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

WODEN CRESCENT

•Two Bedroom Semi Detached •Downstairs WC & Upstairs Bathroom •Good Sized Rear Garden •Off Street Parking •Cul-De-Sac Location

£87,950 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WILLENHALL

MARLOWE DRIVE

•Superb One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat •Immaculatley Presented •Updated Kitchen & Shower Room •Bedroom With Fitted Suite •Double Glazed & Gas Central Heated •Viewing Is Essential To Appreciate •No Upward Chain

£84,995 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

NEW

ELLARDS DRIVE

• Three Bedroom Semi Detached • In Need of Updating • Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room and Ground Floor Bathroom • Three Bedrooms • Gardens to Front and Rear • Off Road Parking • Double Glazing as stated, Gas Central Heating System • No Onward Chain

£70,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WILLENHALL

NEW

SLATER STREET

• Three Bedroom Mid Terrace • Entrance Hall, Lounge • Kitchen, Rear lobby, Cloakroom/WC • Three Bedrooms and Bathroom • Garden to Rear, Off Road Parking • Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating System • No Onward Chain

£69,950 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WEDNESFIELD

NEW

BAYLIS AVENUE

•One Bedroom First Floor Flat •Updated Bathroom & Kitchen •Enclosed Rear Garden •Off Street Parking To Front •No Upward Chain

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NEW

NEACHELLS LANE, WEDNESFIELD

• Near Wednesfield Town Centre • Spacious Accommodation • Refurbished Throughout • Three Bedrooms • Re-fitted Bathroom • Two Reception Rooms • Re-fitted Kitchen • Driveway • Rear Garden

£600PCM WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

TO LET

PRESTWOOD ROAD, WEDNESFIELD

•Immaculately Presented •Situated Close To New Cross •Mid Terreced •Two Bedrooms & Two Reception Rooms •Newly Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom •Viewing Is Essential

£475PCM WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

TO LET

PROVIDENCE LANE, BLOXWICH

• Good Size, Second Floor Flat • Two Bedrooms & Bathroom • Lounge & Fitted Kitchen • Balcony, Electric Storage Heating • Communal Parking

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HANBURY CRESCENT

• Extended Period Semi Detached • Viewing Highly Recommended • Many Origional - Style Features • Two Reception Rooms • Contemporary Kitchen/Dining Room • Contemporary Bathroom • Three Double Bedrooms •

£249,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

FEATHERSTONE

SORREL CLOSE

• Deatched Family Property • Four Bedrooms • Viewing Highly Recommended • Lounge • Feature Kitchen - Dining Room • Utility And Guest Cloakroom / WC • Master Bedroom With En-suite • Feature Family Bathroom

OIRO £229,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

PENN

HARTILL ROAD

• Detached property • through lounge-dining room • Conservatory • Kitchen • Guest wc • Three bedrooms • Shower room/wc • Gardens & garage & driveway • Double glazed where stated • Gas fired central heating

OIRO £224,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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COTON ROAD

• Detached Bungalow • Cul-de-sac & Corner Position • Three Bedrooms • En-suite & Family bathroom • Lounge & Conservatory • Breakfast Kitchen • Off Road Parking • Front & Reard Gardens • Double Glazed Where Stated •

OIRO £220,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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PARK ROAD EAST

• Modern Detached Family Home • Lounge • Kitchen Dining Room • Utilty Room & WC • Conservatory • Three Bedrooms • Upstairs Bathroom • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Fired Central Heating System • Garage

£179,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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WYNN ROAD

• Traditional Semi Detached Home • Viewing Highly Recommended • Extended Kitchen / Dining Room • Three Bedrooms • Modern Bathroom / WC • Double Glazing As Stated • Off Road Parking • Landscape

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AINSWORTH ROAD

• Semi Detached Property • Viewing Recommended • Contemporary Decor • Lounge And Dining Room • Kitchen • Three Bedrooms • Contemporary Bathroom/WC • Driveway & Garage • Gas Central

OIRO £159,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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NEW

BUSHBURY LANE

• Modern Semi Detached Town House • Master With En-suite & Dressing Room • Two Further Double Bedrooms • Viewing Highly Recommended • Lounge - Dining Room • Fitted Breakfast Kitchen • Downstairs WC & Seperate Cloakroom • Family Bathroom / WC • Garage & Driveway • Front & Rear

£149,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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NEW

THE CHASE

• Modern Semi Detached Home • Lounge & Dining Room • Contemporary Kitchen • Conservatory • Three Bedrooms • First Floor Family Bathroom • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating • Off Road

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REDUCED

SANDON ROAD

• Extended Semi Detached House • Viewing Highly Recommended • Through Lounge • Contemporary Kitchen Diner • Downstairs WC • Three Bedrooms • Contemporary Bathroom • Driveway & Garage & Car Port • Gas Fired Central Heating System • Double

OIRO £129,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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NEW

CORNWALL ROAD

• Mid Terrace Property • two Bedrooms • Lounge & Contemporary Kitchen • First Floor Bathroom • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing As Stated • Off Road Parking To Fore • Garden To Rear • Viewing

£125,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

FEATHERSTONE

SOUTH CRESCENT

• Semi-detached family home • Three bedrooms • Lounge and separate dining room • Converted Loft • Upstairs bathroom • Driveway and garage • Double glazing as stated • Gas fired central heating system • Front & Rear

OIRO £124,995 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

FEATHERSTONE

PENDERELL CLOSE

• Modern Semi Detached Home • Viewing Highly Recommended • Corner Plot • Contemporary Decor • Two Bedrooms • Lounge • Contemporary Kitchen - Dining Room • Bathroom / WC • Driveway And Side Garage •

OIRO £119,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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TRYSULL ROAD

• Viewing Highly Recommended • Traditional Semi Detached Home • Lounge • Contemporary Kitchen - Dining Room • Conservatory / Sun Room • Two Double Bedrooms • Upstairs Bathroom • Cottage - Style Front & Rear Gardens • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central

OIRO £119,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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REDUCED

LONSDALE ROAD

• Semi-detached house • In need of refurbishment • Period style features • Two reception rooms • Kitchen • Lean-to • Three bedrooms • Upstairs bathroom • Driveway and gardens • Viewing recommended

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MICKLEY AVENUE

• Three bedrooms • Semi-detached house • Double glazing as stated • Gas central heating • Lounge/dining room • Kitchen • Bathroom • Cloakroom/wc • Off street parking • Viewing

OA £109,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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RAYLEIGH ROAD

• Traditional Terrace House • Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen & Lobby • Ground Floor Bathroom • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing As Statd • Rear Garden • Viewing Essential

£107,500 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

FEATHERSTONE

NEW

WHILMOT CLOSE

• Semi Detached Property • Two Bedrooms • Lounge & Kitchen • First Floor Bathroom • Electric Heating • Double Glazed As Stated •

£104,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON

MARKSBURY CLOSE

• Two Bedroom Semi Detached • Viewing Recommended • Lounge • Contemporary Kitchen - Diner • Contemporary Bathroom / WC • Off Road Parking • Front & Rear Gardens • Carport • Cul-de-sac Location •

OIRO £104,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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THE LINDENS NEWBRIDGE CRESCENT

• Second Floor Apartment • Viewing Highly Recommended • Lounge • Kitchen - Breakfast Room • Two Double Bedrooms • Contemporary Shower Room / WC • Garage In A Block • Contemporary Decor •

OIRO £95,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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BUNKERS HILL LANE

• Semi-detached property • Three bedrooms • Lounge & breakfast kitchen • Inner lobby & wc • Upstairs bathroom • Double glazing (where stated) • Central heating system • Off road parking • Front and rear gardens • Viewing

OIRO £93,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON

REDUCED

PENNANT COURT PENN ROAD

• First Floor Modern Apartment • Master Bedroom With En-Suite • Second Bedroom • Lounge & Kitchen • Bathroom • Electric Heating • Communal Parking Area • Double Glazing Where States • No Onward Chain

£89,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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NEWBRIDGE MEWS TETTENHALL ROAD

• First Floor Apartment • Two Bedrooms • Lounge Incorporating Dining Area • Kitchen • Double Glazing As Stated • Communal Gardens • Garage En-block • No Onward Chain • Viewing Essential

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WHERNSIDE DRIVE

• Semi-detached home • Two double bedrooms • Lounge • Contemporary kitchen/dining room • Contemporary shower room • Driveway and side garage • Gardens to front and rear • Gas fired central heating system •

OIRO £89,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON

REDUCED

BARBEL DRIVE

• Ground Floor Apartment • One Bedroom • Double Glazing As Stated • Electric Storage Heaters • Lounge • Kitchen • Bathroom • Communal Gardens • Allocated Parking • Viewing

£85,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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MERRIDALE STREET WEST

• Mid Terrace House • Two Double Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen • Ground Floor Bathroom • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Rear Yard & Garden • No Onward Chain • Viewing

£84,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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OLD HEATH ROAD

• Semi Detached Property • Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen • First Floor Bathroom • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing As Stated • Fore & Rear Gardens • No Onward Chain

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MARTIN STREET

• Mid Terrace Property • Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Wet Room Incorporating Shower Area • Lobby & Kitchen • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Garden To Rear • No

£82,500 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

BILSTON

CLARENCE ROAD

• Semi Detached Property • Two Bedrooms & Box Room • Lounge Incorporating Dining Area • Ground Floor Bathroom • Kitchen • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Off Road Parking • Garden To

£79,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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ALBION STREET

• First Floor Apartment • One Double Bedroom • Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen • Contemporary Bathroom • Allocated Parking Space • Communal Grounds • Double Glazing As Stated • Electric Heating System • Viewing

£79,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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RAYLEIGH ROAD

• Extended Traditional End Terrace • In Need Of Some Refurbishment • Viewing Reccommended • Through Lounge - Dining Room • Breakfast Room • Kitchen • Bathroom/WC • Three Double Bedrooms • Gas Fired

OIRO £79,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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WOODHOUSE ROAD NORTH

• First Floor Apartment • Bouble Bedroom • Lounge & Kitchen • Bathroom • Double Glazing As Stated • Storage Heating As

£69,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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POWELL STREET

• Mid terraced property • Two double bedrooms • Two reception rooms • Hallway • Fitted kitchen • Bathroom/wc • Rear garden • Double glazing as stated • Gas fired central heating system • Viewing

OIRO £59,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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BILSTON ROAD

• Detached House • 3 Bedrooms • Unfurnished • Gas Central Heating • Close To Train Station

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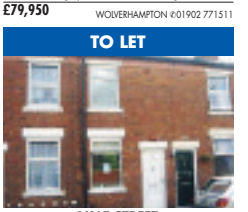

VALE STREET

• Terraced House • 2 Bedrooms • Unfurnished • Gas Central Heating • Close To Town

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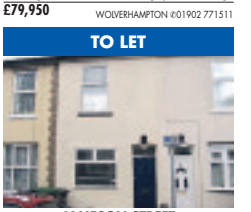

JAMESON STREET

• Terraced House • 2 Bedrooms • Unfurnished • Gas Central Heating • Close To Town

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BISHOPS WOOD £269,500

White Oak Drive

Link Detached House• Four Bedrooms•Lounge & Dining Room• Further Reception Room Double Glazing•Gas Central Heating• Breakfast Kitchen, Utility/wc• Garage•Cul De Sac Location

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £244,999

Raglan Avenue

•Detached House•Four Bedrooms•Lounge & Dining Room•Master Bedroom With Ensuite•Contemporary Breakfast Kitchen•Conservatory•Double Glazing•Gas Central Heating•Garage•Driveway For A Number Of Vehicles

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £239,999

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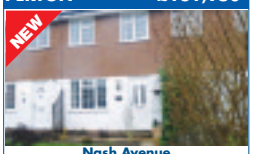

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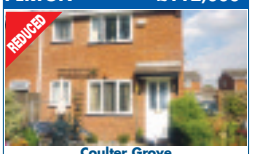

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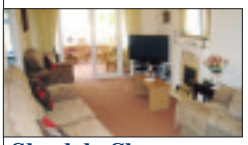

Glendale Close £240,000

Superbly Present Detached Two Bedroom Bungalow in Cul-De-Sac Location. Located In Much Sought After Area. Having Beautiful Landscapped Rear Garden. Fitted Kitchen, Deluxe Shower Room. Attractive Lounge with UPVC Double Glazed Victorian Styled Conservatory. Red Tarmac Diveway and Garage. Benefitting From Gas Central Heating System and UPVC Double Glazing.

Off GOLDTHORN HILL

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PARKFIELD

New

Banstead Close £115,000

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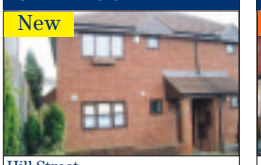

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New Price

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£339,950

WOOTTON ROAD FINCHFIELD

An an altogether charming Detached Family Residence of considerable character and attraction, appointed and decorated to a very high standard, enjoying a choice setting in this lovely tree lined road. Porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, Victorian styled uPVC DG conservatory, superbly fitted breakfast kitchen, rear lobby/utility area, cloakroom with w.c, 3 double bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, uPVC DG, CH, garage, laid out gardens. Viewing Recommended.

£299,995

LYNDHURST ROAD PENN FIELDS

A surprisingly spacious Detached Split Level Bungalow of much character and distinction enjoying a pleasant secluded setting in this highly popular tree lined road. Incorporating many attractive features including energy efficiency solar panel to supplement the hot water, it offers: enclosed porch, hall, cloakroom/shower room, workshop/study, sitting room/bedroom 4, lounge, double glazed conservatory, dining kitchen, utility, 3 further bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, separate w.c., DG, CH, large garage, lovely rear garden with brick folly.

£259,950

WINDSOR GARDENS CASTLECROFT

A most pleasing Semi Detached Family Residence enjoying an attractive setting in this highly popular area. In need of some updating but affording considerable potential, the property is well positioned for local amenities and within easy travelling distance of Wolverhampton City Centre and the University. Enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, GCH, garage, front and rear gardens.

£180,000

FANCOURT AVENUE PENN

An extended and particularly attractive Semi Detached Family Residence pleasantly situated overlooking a small green at the front and handy for local amenities. Hall, dining room, lounge, uPVC double glazed conservatory, extended kitchen, utility, enclosed passageway/workshop/store, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, CH, parking space, gardens.

£179,950

DERWENT ROAD PALMERS CROSS

A particularly pleasing and well presented Semi Detached Family Residence of considerable appeal, enjoying an attractive setting in this much sought after area. Storm porch, hall, interconnecting lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, large workshop/store, ample parking space, landscaped rear garden.

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OFFERS AROUND £975,000

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NEW PRICE

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Charming five bed Detached Cottage nestling in delightful village setting yet handy for Wombourne and only 6 miles south west of Wolverhampton ★ Considerably enlarged layout features 3 Receptions, 5 Bedrooms and 3 Bathrooms/Shower Rooms ★ Vestibule and part panelled Dining Hall ★ Fitted Guest' Cloaks ★ Pleasant Sitting Room ★ 'Dayrooms" fitted Breakfast Kitchen ★ Inner Lobby with Shower Room and Utility off ★ Family Room ★ Master Bedroom with En-Suite Dressing Area and Bathroom ★ 4 further Bedrooms ★ House Bathroom ★ Gas CH and double glazing ★ Garage/Workshop/Stores ★ Extensive gated block paved driveway/parking area and delightfully established gardens adjoining farmland ★★NO CHAIN★★

OFFERS AROUND £447,500

WIGHTWICK

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

★ Outstanding example of its type! Individual detached residence in delightful setting within exclusive locality on the highly favoured western outskirts of the city ★ Superbly refurbished accomodation of extended layout and superior quality specification, beautifully presented with stylish decorative finishes ★ Fitted Cloakroom off Hall ★ Two large Living Rooms interlinking in open plan style, each with distinctive feature fireplace ★ Lavishly appointed Breakfast Kitchen ★ Three well proportioned Bedrooms (two with excellent fitted wardrobes) ★ Exquisite Bathroom featuring both bath and separate shower cubicle ★ Gas-fired central heating ★ Double glazed windows ★ Garage and block-paved forecourt parking ★ Attractively landscaped gardens, westerly aspect to rear

OFFERS AROUND £325,000

OAKEN

NEW PRICE

★ Particularly attractive detached bungalow tucked away in select small cul-de-sac within exclusive semi-rural village with excellent commuter links into the Wolverhampton and Telford conurbations ★ Impressively proportioned accommodation of very practical layout and comfortably appointed specification ★ Two interlinking Living Rooms ★ Nicely fitted Kitchen including integrated appliances ★ Three good Bedrooms, two with extensive fitted furniture ★ Bathroom and en-suite Shower Room ★ Gas-fired central heating ★ Double glazed windows ★ Double-width Garage plus driveway parking ★ Neatly landscaped gardens.

OFFERS AROUND £295,000

PENN

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

CHURCH HILL★ Deceptively spacious and stylishly presented trad style 4 Bed Semi in pleasantly established position off Penn Road near to local facilities and within easy reach of the city centre ★ Usefully extended layout ★ Entrance Porch and Hall ★ Sitting Room ★ comfortable Lounge with attractively ornate fireplace and living flame gas fire ★ Impressive Dining Room ★ Smartly refitted Kitchen ★ Utility with Guest's Cloaks off ★ 4 Bedrooms ★ Spacious Bathroom ★ Gas CH and uPVC double glazing ★ Delightfully established and extensive rear garden ★ Off-Road parking to front

OFFERS AROUND £239,950

PENN

★ Outstanding property on huge plot in much favoured mature tree-lined crescent. Excellent traditional semi with several additional special features ★ Neatly presented accommodation with nicely improved specification. Scope for a little further upgrading and ample room for extensions (STPP) to extract full potential ★ Two Living Rooms ★ Kitchen ★ Three well proportioned Bedrooms ★ Bathroom with shower and seperate toilet ★ Gas-fired central heating ★ Double glazed windows ★ Double-width Garage plus generous forecourt parking facilities ★ Superb rear garden (approx 140ft x 90ft mean) is exceptionally attractive feature with aspects onto playing fields beyond ★ Overall plot size roughly one third of an acre.

OFFERS AROUND £189,950

WOMBOURNE

MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE★ Imaginatively enlarged 3 Bed 2 Bath Semi-Detached Dormer Bungalow occupying a convenient position just off Ounsdale Road handy for picturesque village centre shopping facilities and amenities including schools ★ Pretty exterior with off-road driveway parking to front ★ Enclosed Side Entrance Lobby and Hall ★ Lounge with staircase to first floor ★ Conservatory ★ Well-fitted Breakfast Kitchen with built-in appliances ★ 2 GF Bedrooms ★ Bathroom ★ Attic Bedroom with luxury En-Suite Bathroom ★ Garage to side ★ Gas CH and uPVC double glazing ★ Pleasant side Sun Loggia and private hard landscaped rear garden

OFFERS AROUND £179,950

CODSALL

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

★ Well situated modern-style semi-detached, well proportioned and nicely presented in pleasant cul-de-sac, conveniently positioned for shops, rail connections and schools in Birches Bridge and Codsall ★ Deceptively spacious ★ Porch ★ Lounge ★ Dining Room open plan to Kitchen ★ Side Lobby ★ Three Bedrooms ★ Bathroom ★ Garage ★ Pleasant mature rear garden ★ Gas central heating and part UPVC double glazing.

OFFERS AROUND £175,000

WOMBOURNE

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

MOISES HALL ROAD★ Spacious and superbly improved 3 Bed Semi with Conservatory in consistently popular and exceedingly convenient cul-de-sac position just off the village centre, close to all usual facilities ★ Interior inspection highly recommended ★ Hall ★ 20ft Lounge with impressive marble effect fireplace and gas fire ★ uPVC double glazed Conservatory ★ refitted 17ft Kitchen with a range of built-in appliances ★ 3 Bedrooms ★ Refitted Bathroom with white suite ★ Gas CH and uPVC double glazing ★ Extensive block-paved Parking Forecourt ★ Rear garden with timber shed ★★NO UPWARD CHAIN★★

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

CLAREGATE

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

★ A traditional three bedroomed semi detached occupying a generous corner plot with gardens to front side and rear ★ Backing directly onto playing fields, the house enjoys a lovely open aspect to the rear ★ Well presented and maintained the property briefly comprises: Entrance Porch ★ Entrance Hall ★ Spacious Lounge with feature fireplace ★ Dining Room ★ Fitted Kitchen with built in appliances ★ Three bedrooms and re-fitted house Bathroom with white suite and chrome fittings ★ The property is double glazed and has gas fired central heating and a single car garage.

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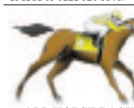

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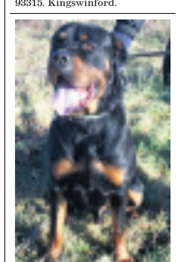

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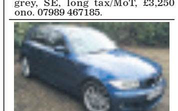

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WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF A GATING ORDER

THE WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(PLANETARY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WOLVERHAMPTON)
GATING ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that Wolverhampton City Council intends to make an Order under Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 relating to Planetary Industrial Estate, Wolverhampton ("the Order").

The effect of the Order will be to restrict the right of way over part of the highway at Planetary Industrial Estate, Wolverhampton. The proposed Order is set out in the Schedule to this Notice.

A copy of the Order may be seen free of charge at Legal Services Reception No 23, situated on the Second Floor of the Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton during normal office hours or by visiting the Council's website www.wolverhampton.gov.uk

Any representations or objections to the Order must be made in writing to Susan Kembrey, Chief Legal Officer, Wolverhampton City Council, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1RG not later than 2 March 2011.

If no such representations or objections are made, or any so made are withdrawn the Council will proceed to make the Order.

SCHEDULE TO THE NOTICE

THE PROPOSED GATING ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(PLANETARY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WOLVERHAMPTON)
GATING ORDER 2011

This Order is made by Wolverhampton City Council ("the Council") under Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 because it appears to the Council that part of Planetary Industrial Estate, Wolverhampton is affected by crime and anti-social behaviour the existence of the highway described below is facilitating the persistent commission of crime and it is in all the circumstances expedient to make this Order for the purpose of reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

BY THIS ORDER:

1. The public right of way over the highway shown on the plan attached ("the plan") and described in the Schedule to this Order ("the highway") will be restricted at all times by the erection of vehicular and pedestrian gates across the highway at the location marked on the plan ("the gates").
2. Access to the highway will be permitted by the provision of keys to the occupiers of Planetary Industrial Estate, Wolverhampton, their visitors and the Emergency Services.
3. The maintenance of the gates will be the responsibility of Vijay Patel, Facilities Manager, EDM Group Limited, EDM House, Village Way, Bilston, Wolverhampton WV14 0UJ, telephone (01902) 406248.

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THE WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
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Part of the highway running from the eastern boundary of Planetary Industrial Estate at the point marked A on the plan continuing in a westerly direction to the point marked B on the plan being a distance of approximately 55 metres.

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Time running out for entry forms

This the fifth week of the training programme in preparation for the Action Heart five mile run which takes place on Sunday,February 27. If you have not already entered then you must do so as soon as possible as places are getting taken up. A great response once again.

This is the 21st year this event has taken place and it is good to see how popular it has grown over the years. You can use the form in the newspaper, or go to www.actionheartrunning.com and download an entry form. You can also enter on line by visiting www.runnersworld.co.uk and searching for the event.

The run starts at 9.30 am from Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley and members of the public are advised that there will inevitably be some traffic hold-ups as the runners go around the course.

For those 'lucky' ones who have already entered the run and are 'beginners' to running, we hope that you are find the training schedule useful A word of warning to all you runners and joggers out there, remember the importance of warming up those muscles before going out for your run, particularly on cold mornings or evenings.

As mentioned last week, in view of their association with adidas UK, Action Heart will be offering incentives for sponsorship raised. You qualify for an adidas sweatshirt if you manage to collect £50 plus. If you can make it to £100 or more a pair of adidas running shoes can be yours instead. Last year Action Heart gave away 50 sweatshirts and more than 50 pairs of trainers.

The training programme is now demanding some sustained effort. However, if you have been building up to this it will not be a problem to you. Remember that if it becomes too tough do not give up but walk rather than run the rest of the way. The important think is to finish each session so that on the race day you can 'go the whole distance' and complete the five mile course.

There is an entry form appearing again this week – it may be your last opportunity to enter so if you have not already done so fill this in and send it off without delay

TRAINING SCHEDULE WEEK FIVE

MONDAY:REST
TUESDAY:2 MILE JOG
WEDNESDAY: 3 MILE RUN
THURSDAY: REST
FRIDAY: JOG 3 MILES
SATURDAY: REST
SUNDAY: 4 MILE JOG/RUN

ACTION HEART 5 'HEART RUN'ENTRY FORM
(Sunday, February 27,2011)

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Est finish Time...................................
State whether Runner / Walker.................
Date of birth .... Age on day.........
Club (if any).......................................
Sex (M/F)........
Telephone No......................................
Email Address ....

I declare that I am medically fit to run and understand that I take part entirely at my own risk. I declare that I am an amateur as defined by the UKA. I agree to abide by the current laws and rules of competition of the UKA. I will be 15 or over on the day of the event.

Signed................................Fee paid ....
Date..

Send cheque, payable to Action Heart, with entry form and SAE for race number to: Action Heart, 5 Baird House, Dudley Innovation Centre, Pensnett Estate, Kingswinford, DY6 7YA

Fee: £10 (registered running club members); £12 (non club members).

NO ENTRY ON DAY OF RACE

HOCKEY UPDATE

Wolverhampton 5 Coventry Sikh Union 3 (firsts)

Wolverhampton started well and got two quick early goals from Chris Emery and Jared Oliver. Wolves continued to dominate and to add to the scoreline making 5-0 after 25 minutes, Tom Schubert, Manpreet Sangha and Jared Oliver getting his second. Coventry managed to get a goal back by the half time whistle. After the break Coventry added another two goals to make it a quite nervy finish.

Wolverhampton 1 Old Wolves 5 (seconds)

A promising start from an early goal was quickly dashed as Old Wolves took an equaliser after retaking a short corner. Then two quick goals either side of half time and continued pressure saw the score reach 1-5 despite the best efforts of the goalkeeper Rob Edwards who even did a head first save.

Wolverhampton III 0 Bournville III 6 (thirds)

A better performance this week for Wolves, who made a decent fist of tackling league leaders Bournville. Plenty of good hockey, with some really good individual battles all over the pitch, but the visitors had a bit more class and experience than a young Wolverhampton side and scored three either side of the break for a decisive victory. An impressive thirds debut for Keton Rattan.

Wolverhampton 5 Old Wolves 0 (fourths)

Wolves dominated possession and got an early goal through German Singh who got another one shortly after. Two very worked goals from winger Marcus all but sealed Old Wolves fate. A final goal was added from Harvinder Singh

Cannock 7 Wolverhampton 0 (fifths)

The fifth team travelled to Cannock and played against strong opposition, losing 7-0 in a game played in a good spirit by both teams. Goalkeeper James Foster made some good saves, our forwards were unable to capitalise on the few chances created. Marcus Raiyat earned praise from opponents for his attacking play, Dominic Spinks had an effective game in defence and is one of several capable players at the point of stepping up from Badgers to Fathom hockey.

SPEEDWAY

All American reserve line-up for new season

by TIM HAMBLIN

WOLVES will be all-American at reserve for the 2011 speedway season after taking 2009 US champion Ricky Wells on loan from Coventry to partner Tyson Burmeister.

And the 19-year-old is delighted to be racing with his friend at Monmore Green.

"We get along really well, me and Tyson," said Wells from California. "He lives around 20 minutes from me and we're riding on the team together.

"He came into the speedway world two years ago and he's a pretty cool dude."

New Zealand-born Wells, who moved Stateside as a young child, is hoping to kick-start a British career which has been enmeshed in regulation red tape. He was lined up to join Premier League Stoke in 2009 on a Kiwi average only for the authorities to decide that the higher USA figure was appropriate, scuppering the deal.

The decision saw Wells plunge straight into the Elite League with Coventry as a 17-year-old for what was a tough year in the top flight.

The Bees would then have kept him as a double-up rider the following season but, ironically, could not do so as he had no Premier League average.

He had a solid year with the Potters in 2010 and now the much-travelled Wells, who won Malaysia's first recognised meeting in 2007 is keen to show his mettle in the EL.

Comfortable

"I wanted to double up but stuff didn't work out," he said. "With the average thing, I got stuck. Now I feel I'm back where I want to be. I really like Wolverhampton and I'm happy to be riding with them. I've always been really comfortable around the track.

"I'm really pumped to get over there. I'm going over on February 21, I'll have my bikes sorted a week before press day and will be really, really organised.

Ricky Wells

"I think it's the right place for me and Tyson. This will be a really good year."

Wells' signature makes the Parrys International Wolves septet complete as the club also confirmed the expected returns of Tai Woffinden and Ty Proctor.

● *The Adam Skornicki Testimonial at Wolverhampton on March 27 will be sponsored by Wolverhampton Skip Hire. Company boss Brian Saunders and his wife Sam are keen supporters of local sport.*

BOXING

No mistaking it's Rickie in the final

AFTER a mistake by the Amateur Boxing Association, the Wednesfield Warrior Rickie Arblaster found himself having to box a semi-final instead of being in a Midland Final for the second year running.

In the opposite corner was Edward Drayton, of Scunthorpe ABC. The mistake by the ABA itself may yet prove to be a blessing in disguise as Arblaster shook off the ring rust and won a unanimous decision to move forward to his second Midland Final.

Drayton came out swinging in the first 20 seconds but Arblaster got behind his left jab and was moving the Scunthorpe boxer back towards the end of the first round.

It was all Arblaster in the second round as he started to move through the gears and mix his shots to both head and body.

Arblaster completely took over in the last round, pinning Drayton on the ropes and unloading heavy shots, particularly the right uppercut, giving the referee no option but to impose a standing count. On resumption, Arblaster tried to land the finisher but the gutsy Scunthorpe boxer gritted it out to the end.

Chance to honour region's fighters

THE search is on for 23 West Midlands fighters who are to be commemorated for their part in making boxing famous at the Shoreditch Town Hall in London.

The Midlands Ex-Boxers Association (MEBA) is trying to trace the whereabouts of boxers who appeared at the venue between September 22, 1955 and January 28, 1975.

MEBA has arranged a special ceremony to reunite the 39 men and present them with medals during a special ceremony to be conducted by president and former British champion Bunny Johnson at the Portland Pavilion in Edgbaston, Birmingham, on June 4.

The Black Country boxers are Wolverhampton's Don Bishop, Dave Nelson, Simon Rawlings, Tony Icke, Frank Lannion, Billy Blenevis and Arthur Burley, also Smethwick's Harry and Terry Edwards along with Walsall's Billy Alport and Colin Spittle from Brierley Hill.

Anybody who knows the whereabouts of any of the listed fighters is asked to call 01299 879 907.

Junior teams

PERTON & CODSALL

Under 13

Perton & Codsall West 1
Portobello Rangers 1

Seconds before the break, the deadlock was broken when Joe Bradburn put the visitors ahead with a close range shot. Eventually, the long overdue equaliser arrived when Louis Harper set up Shiloe Bernard to score.

Under 13s

Perton & Codsall Utd 2
Short Heath Rangers 1

With just two minutes on the clock Short Heath took the lead. It took a real quality goal to finally break through, a sweeping move down the right side involving James Burrows and Jack Taylor, saw them release Aaron Green whose superb cross was driven home by Andy Shave. Minutes later Perton were two up, Andy Shave on hand again giving the keeper no chance with a powerful half volley.

Perton & Codsall 1
Penn Rovers 0

A through ball from Decosta to captain Alex Munn who slotted home the winning goal.

PUNJAB UNITED

Under 16s Division 1 Cup quarter final

Bentley Youth 2
Punjab United 7

Punjab United visited Bentley Youth short of five of their starting line-up but emerged convincing winners after being 6-0 up at the half way stage. United took control from the start and took the lead after 10 minutes when Omari Thomas fired home from a great cross. Four minutes later Thomas had his second and Thomas had a six minute hat-trick. A minute later Jaskamal Singh converted another pin-point cross and on 20 minutes Cunnison finished calmly. With Cunnison going off injured Harsimran Gill scored his first goal in over five years (he used to be the keeper). United took their foot off the gas and conceded after 52 and 63 minutes. Cunnison missed two more chances before adding his second and United's seventh.

PATTINGHAM PUMAS

Under 16s

Pattingham Pumas 2
Stourbridge Glassboys West 0

An early kick off, and overnight freezing temperature, made for a borderline decision to play. Stourbridge have a strong team, and their defence was cutting out most of the early Pattingham attacks. On 20 minutes, Pumas forced two corners and when Jamie Millward's second kick was struck low to the near post, it cannoned in off the defender and goal keeper to give Pumas the lead. The home side were controlling most of the play, but couldn't find another way past the in-form Stourbridge goal keeper.

The visitors came out strong in the second half as the game became more physical. However it was Pumas who doubled the lead on 50 minutes, when the ball broke to Connor Tyrrell just inside the angle of the box. He hit the ball on the half-volley for a superb finish into the back of the net. Stourbridge continued to push forward with the ball rebounding off a post, and the struggle to clear the ball resulting in a penalty. The kick was well struck, but Pumas goal keeper Joe Marks was equal to it as he dived to his left to pull off a great save, and keep another clean sheet

OLD WULFS

Under 9s

Old Wulfs North 0
Admaston 3

An under par Old Wulfs held Admaston at bay until midway inside the first half before gifting Admaston two goals through unforced errors. Old Wulfs created a couple of half chances, but were on the back foot for most of the half. The second half saw Old Wulfs with more of the play, but Admaston increased their lead through hesitancy in Old Wulfs defence.

Under 11s

Old Wulfs South 1
Old Wulfs North 1

A tense local derby ended all square after North equalised with the last kick of the game. South went in at half time deservedly leading 1-0 thanks to a fine goal from George Davis. Following sustained second half pressure, North were rewarded when Greg Turner fired a superb shot from the edge of the box.

Under 16s

Madeley Sports 4
Old Wulfs 4

The Red & White halves dominated the early stages and took an early lead through Sam Ellis. Having failed to capitalise on their possession it allowed Madeley back into the game scoring a long long range effort to draw level. With their confidence growing, Madeley added a further two goals to take a 3-1 half time lead. Madeley increased their advantage soon after the break, but this seemed to galvanise Old Wulfs. Adam Billingsley scored a hat-trick inside 20 minutes to level the scores.

Under 12s

Old Wulfs South 5
Sedgley White Lions West 2

Thomas Streadman opened the scoring for Old Wulfs. Brett Duckman made it two with a fine strike before Luke Groves tapped in a third following a well-worked passing move. Sedgley pulled a goal back scoring from a free kick to give Old Wulfs a 3-1 lead at half time. After the break, Macaulay Timmins finished superbly to make it 4-1, but Sedgley pegged back Old Wulfs once again capitalising on a defensive mix up. Groves added his second with an excellent lob.

Under 13s

Brandhall Colts 1
Old Wulfs 8

Brandhall took the lead after 12 minutes, but Old Wulfs were level five minutes later from Brad Jones. Old Wulfs scored three more goals before half time through Ramari Morris, Noel Howell and Nia Shea. After the break Old Wulfs added a further four goals with Ramari Morris completing his hat trick, Nia Shea doubling his tally whilst Chad Danks added a 30 yarder.

MAHAL FC WULFS

Under 15s

Penn Colts 0
Mahal FC Wulfs 4

Troy Kerr-Hewitt scored two goals in quick succession, before Colts failed to clear leaving Merdy Maki to tap-in to make it 0-3 at half-time. Mahal didn't have it all their own way with keeper Sam Benton making two fine saves either side of the break. Jack Shaw wrapped up the scoring to make it 0-4 to Mahal.

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No Premier League millions, but Bull's happy with his Old Gold

Steve Bull at a Molineux dinner last month with ex-manager Graham Taylor

IN A season when Wolves' near-neighbours, Aston Villa, shelled out £24million on one player, agreeing to pay him a reported £70,000 a week, you'd forgive Steve Bull for feeling a slight tinge of jealousy.

The Wanderers legend was already 27 when the money-obsessed Premier League formed in 1992 and would retire seven years later.

Today's obscene wealth in the top-flight therefore evaded Bull by a decade, but the man who plundered an astonishing 306 goals in the Old Gold shirt said he wouldn't have it any other way.

Clearly proud of his steadfast loyalty to Wolves, which saw him reject numerous lucrative offers from English football's top table, Bull bemoans the current financial state of the game.

"It's all about fortune these days – just look at Darren Bent going to Villa," the Tipton-born MBE said.

"I don't think you'll ever get players staying at one club again like I did. It's a rarity these days and players only tend to stay for a year or two. There's nothing wrong with earning a fortune for your family, but it is a shame the way it's gone."

Still, it'd be easy for Bull to lament his misfortunate at missing out on the kind of weekly wage which would make many families financially secure for years.

But the former England international insisted:"I've got no regrets at all. I had a great 10 years or so and I wouldn't change it.

"I had my era and fortunately I looked after my money."

Marooned

The current Premier League isn't all about wealth though, as proved by relatively cash-strapped Blackpool's recent rise into the top half of the table, and Bull also sees comparisons from his day with the current Wolves side.

"Mick McCarthy's moulded a great team there, full of players who want to play for the shirt. They're not necessarily interested in the money and they work hard to dig out results."

In his role as Wolves vice-president, Bull sees plenty of the current team in action and although they're currently marooned in the relegation zone, he is convinced they will beat the drop.

For a many years it was assumed that the Molineux idol would himself take the managerial reigns at the club, but for one reason or another this looks increasingly unlikely, as Bull himself admitted.

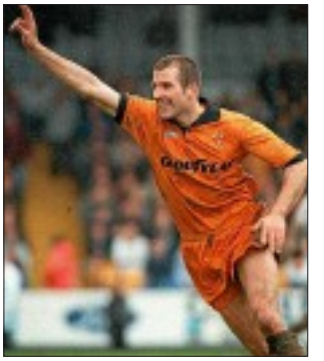
Bull certainly has plenty to keep himself occupied with, including ambassadorial work for Wolves and Sporting Bet, managing an events company and of course his frequent charity work.

Besides which, he's more than happy to sit back and watch Wolves compete in the Premier League.

"You never know but deep, deep down I think I probably shouldn't manage Wolves," Bull added.

"Mick's doing a great job there and I hope he stays for a long time to come. I certainly don't want to do him out of a job anyway."

TIM SPIERS



Bully celebrates a 1995 goal against Port Vale

NEW SIGNING SEES WOLVES MISS OUT

JAMIE O'HARA joined Mick McCarthy's ranks in time to see his new team mates bow out of the FA Cup to Stoke at Molineux.

The Tottenham Hotspur midfielder, signed on loan until the end of the season, became Wolves's third signing in the January transfer window, following Adam Hammill and Leigh Griffiths.

With experienced goalkeeper Adrian Basso joining on Monday's deadline day, McCarthy was able to name a full 25-man squad for the rest of the season, a list which included long-term injury victim Michael Kightly.

The capture of O'Hara in particular was one to excite the Wolves supporters, with the 24-year-old carving a reputation for himself while on loan at Portsmouth in 2009-10.

Scrappy

During his time at Fratton Park O'Hara played a key role in Portsmouth's run to the FA Cup final and at the end of the season scooped nine player-of-the-year awards.

However there will be no return to Wembley for O'Hara this season, with Wolves lamentably crashing out at the fourth round stage on Sunday.

Fears of a repeat of last season's drab 0-0 draw between the sides were confounded in every aspect bar the scoreline, with Robert Huth's second half header giving Stoke victory.

On a pudding of a pitch the opening minutes were unsurprisingly scrappy, before Wolves fashioned a couple of decent chances. Stephen Ward, playing up front, wriggled free down the left of the area and tested Thomas Sorenson with a low shot, before the Irishman turned provider for strike partner Steven Fletcher, whose close-range header hit the post.

MOLINEUX UPDATE with TIM SPIERS

In front of a crowd of just 11,967 – a fraction under 3,000 of them being Stoke fans – the second half offered more excitement, with Hahnemann called into action to push a Matthew Etherington shot wide.

Then came the game's decisive moment when Huth evaded the shackles of George Elokobi to power home a close-range header.

McCarthy threw on Sam Vokes to try to snare an equaliser and the young Welshman nearly did just that, with his header plucked from the air by Sorensen.

With only injury time remaining it looked like being Stoke's day but Wolves were given a golden opportunity to force a replay when Nenad Milijas was fouled in the penalty area.

The Serbian stepped up to take the resulting spot kick which Sorensen duly saved to complete a disappointing afternoon for the home side.

Straight after the game the cup blow was softened with the announcement that O'Hara's signing was official and McCarthy said the midfielder could be a fantastic addition to the squad.

The player himself added: "Once I came up here I was really impressed with the place and liked everything about it so I'm really happy. And if I can help keep the club in the Premier League it will be really exciting."

O'Hara was due to make his Wolves debut last night (Wed) when they took on Bolton Wanderers at the Reebok. League leaders Manchester United are the visitors to Molineux on Saturday.

● Wolves Women's game away to Stratford Town Ladies on Sunday was postponed due to a frozen pitch.

Cup hopes over as Stoke City goalkeeper Thomas Sorensen gets in position to save the penalty taken by Wolves' Nenad Milijas in injury time

LEISURE LEAGUES

The top two crossed swords in the Wolverhampton six-a-side Monday league and with only one game remaining, the 2-2 draw will benefit England Lions who hold a point lead over Monks & Crane. Elsewhere, Hardly Athletic were in devastating form as they crushed BBC FC by 12 goals to nil.

The Legends completed their Tuesday six-a-side title-winning campaign in fine fashion as they hit Sunday League Drop Outs who could only reply with one, whilst The New Inn secured runners up spot with a commanding 4-0 defeat of Only Here For The Beer.

CYCLING

Wolverhampton Wheelers

THIS year's Roller contest saw new records set and many riders setting 'personal bests'.

The Youth Championship saw Jess Ansell finish as first girl and 4th overall.The under 16s title was a contest between an improved Tim Metcalf and last year's runner up Adam Lewis.

Adam Lewis had a strong ride in the 500m leg after being fractionally behind record pace after the flying 250m. But Adam set a new club record of 33.88 seconds, beating the 2010 record set by Richard Walkerdine.

Not to be outshone by his elder brother Matt Lewis ran out winner of the under 12s championship whilst James Ireson won the U14s.

In the Senior Championship the ladies title went to Kate Evans. Last year's youth champion and former record holder, Richard Walkerdine moved up to the junior ranks. Richard had a very close battle with promising newcomer, Gareth Jones, just edging into the runners-up spot.

Last year's third-placed rider, Carl Hardwick faded in the kilometre to finish 4th. Last year's veterans champion Robin Kyte put in the fastest times over both distances to claim overall victory.

Rising star is thrilled over award chance

Danny Batth

A YOUNG Wolves player has been recognised for his recent rise through the ranks with an award nomination.

Danny Batth, who has figured in the Wolves first team this season, was last week nominated for the Most Up and Coming Sports Personality of the Year prize at the British Asian Sports Awards.

The annual ceremony takes place at The Grosvenor House Hotel in London on Saturday, March 5, where Batth will look to emulate last year's winner, pool player Ray Hundal.

The 20-year-old is up against junior karate world champion Ferrari Faqiri and fellow footballer Krishnan Patel, a midfielder for Bury FC.

Batth spent last season on loan at League One side Colchester United and made a similar move to Championship outfit Sheffield United late last year, before returning to Wolves in December.

He had previously played the full 90 minutes in Wolves's 2-1 Carling Cup victory over Southend last August and also appeared on the bench for the recent Premier League wins over Liverpool and Chelsea.

A panel of six judges will attend the ceremony, including cricketer Mark Ramprakash, BBC presenter Manish Bhasin and Olympic gold medallist Denise Lewis.

Batth said: "I'm passionate about the game and the nomination is a great compliment."

The public will be able to vote for their favourites to win in each category and voting lines were due to open this week.

The full shortlist and details of how to vote can be found online at www.basuk.tv

DARTS

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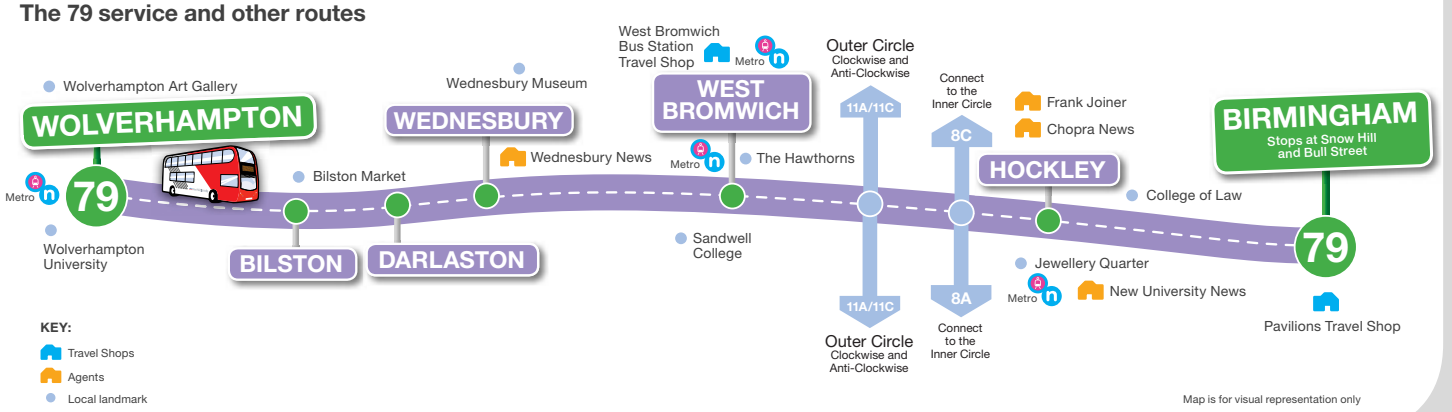

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Initiatives such as CCTV installation on buses, and spot checks with inspectors and West Midlands Police has led to a 54.5% reduction in crime on and around the region's bus network over the last three years. This reduction has shown just how much the team's operations expertise has grown since its successful launch five years ago.

Safer Travel, a partnership between National Express West Midlands and West Midlands Police have two full-time teams that work together to make bus journeys even safer by deterring crime and anti-social behaviour.

Inspector Cate Webb-Jones, head of the Safer Travel Police Team, said: "Increasing trust and confidence is one of our main objectives and aim for every commuter to travel in a safe environment, free from anti-social behaviour and crime."

The success of Safer Travel operations rely on community intelligence, and encourage members of the public to speak to the team and provide them with information about matters such as drugs, misuse and criminal damage.

You can contact Safer Travel or provide information by visiting www.safertravel.info.

The National Express West Midlands Safer Travel Team
Left to right, Tony Dallison, Carl Gauntlett and Terry Larner

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